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CRAWFORD COUNTY AVALANCHE

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Grayling Twp. says 'yes' to master plan

"We are convinced that this master plan will become a necessity in proper and intelligent growth management." —
Grayling Township Supervisor, Arnold Stancil

By Terry Wright
News Editor

Crawford County is one step closer to having a long-term master plan to guide future economic development.

The Grayling Township Board of Trustees formally took the lead in supporting the plan by unanimously approving a resolution to commit to a percentage of the cost of plan development.

The action came during the Tuesday, Dec. 13, regular board of trustees meeting.

"We are convinced that this master plan will become a necessity in proper and intelligent growth management of our limited resources for any development here in Grayling Township, as well as Crawford County," said Grayling Township Supervisor, Arnold Stancil.

The township meeting agenda included a letter from County Clerk, Elizabeth Wieland, stating:

"They (the county commissioners) are in the process of reviewing proposals received for a comprehensive master plan for the entire county, which ranges in cost from \$33,000 to \$110,000."

The letter asked each unit of government in the county to make a commitment of financial support for

the plan, based on a formula to be agreed upon, which may include population and/or state equalized value of each governmental unit.

After very little discussion, Grayling Township Treasurer Ruth O'Mara made a motion for a commitment of financial support for the plan.

Trustee John Medler seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Although none of the county's other townships, nor the City of Grayling, have taken any formal action on the proposed plan, Wieland's letter was discussed at each of their recent meetings.

Representatives have said the other municipalities are waiting for further information before they take formal action.

A master plan is an official statement of goals and policies that express a vision about the future of the community. It serves as a decision-making guide for local legislative bodies and organizations concerning the physical shape of the community.

A master plan provides a legal basis for zoning, subdivision regulation and capital improvement programming.

Original estimates for the completion of the county-wide master plan have been set at up to two years.

Unto you a child is born



No matter how you celebrate the spirit of the Christmas season, the management and staff of the *Crawford County Avalanche* wish you the most joyous of holidays.

Board gives \$2,400 bonus to sheriff

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners has voted to give Sheriff David Lovely a one-time bonus of \$2,400 for a job "well done" and as compensation for the amount of overtime he has been working.

The motion came from Commissioner Lawrence Mattis, and was seconded by Commissioner Loren Goodale, at the Wednesday, Dec. 15 board of commissioners meeting.

"The sheriff has been putting in extra hours since he took office," Mattis said, "to make sure things go the right way. He goes above and beyond his job and he does it on his own, although he doesn't have to. He deserves our thanks and appreciation in the only way we can give it."

Lovely called the money "incentive pay" and said he had asked for it.

"In an attempt to cut back on costs, I've cut back on my command structure," he said, "so that I get calls at home and have to respond to them at all hours of the day or night."

The only vote in opposition to the bonus came from Commissioner Robert Smock Jr.

"We've argued for hours and hours over \$20 and \$30 bills," Smock said. "To casually award subjective bonuses of \$14,400, at taxpayers expense to three county employees, smacks of favoritism. If we're going to give bonuses, there are a lot of other county employees who work just as hard. There should be an objective review of all county employees."

"The taxpayers should be appalled," Smock added. "It's not fair to them and it's not fair to other county employees."

The sheriff's bonus comes less than one month after commissioners granted bonuses of \$6,000 each to county Prosecuting Attorney John Huss and Assistant Prosecuting Attorney David Sabin, for extra work incurred through the prosecution of Richard Marsack. The Marsack murder trial is expected to continue for another two months in the 46th Circuit courtroom in Kalkaska County.

Those bonuses were given in lieu of \$900 raises the attorneys were scheduled to receive in 1995. As part of that bonus agreement, the prosecutor's salary of \$41,900 and the assistant prosecutor's salary of \$41,500, both set in 1991, will remain the same until 1997. Both Huss and Sabin work in a part-time capacity in the county prosecutor's office. Both maintain private practices aside from their county obligations.

The sheriff's salary is currently \$33,000 per year.

Merry Christmas kids, take one more day off!

Crawford AuSable School District Superintendent, Kent Reynolds, has announced that the annual winter break (Christmas vacation), has been extended by one day.

All schools in the Crawford AuSable district will close early for the holidays on Friday, Dec. 23. Students will return to class on Tuesday, Jan. 3.

The 1994-95 school calendar lists Monday, Jan. 2 as the return date, but because Monday is a legal holiday due to New Year's Day falling on Sunday.

To compensate for the Monday holiday, Reynolds said one day will be added to the end of the school year in June, 1995.

17 Grayling Township residents to share in road assessment refunds

Seventeen residents of Grayling Township will find a little extra something in their mail box after the first of the year.

Residents who live in the special assessment district on North Lake Shore Drive off M-72 West by Lake Margrethe will receive a refund check ranging from \$42 to \$209. The total amount of the refunds is \$1,225.

The refund is in connection with the special assessment district having their road paved. The cost of paving the road is split between the road commission, the township, and the people who live on that road.

The residents pay for 25 percent of the cost. The amount each individual resident pays depends on how much front footage each resident has on the roadway. The district's residents share of the cost is estimated and divided

over a certain number of years.

Grayling Township doesn't know the exact cost of the road construction until it is completed. In this case, the cost of the construction came in almost a third under budget according to Arnold Stancil, township supervisor. The residents are then refunded the excess money they had already paid.

Monica Ashton, township clerk, said refunds don't happen very often, usually the cost is underestimated not overestimated.

Stancil said the township usually tries to avoid refunds by readjusting the amount during the final year of the assessment. This can't be done, however, if the final bill doesn't come in until after the assessment is finished.

The refund will be a little unexpected surprise for 17 Grayling Town-

ship residents. Ashton said checks should be mailed out by Jan. 10.

Crawford County residents win big in record Lottery year

Michigan's Lottery players "hit the jackpot" this year. The Lottery hit an all-time record for gross sales, revenue sent to the state School Aid Fund and cash prizes awarded to players.

Michigan Lottery gross revenue reached an all-time record in fiscal year 1993-94, the bureau's 22nd year of operation, with sales soaring to more than \$1.343 billion unaudited.

Michigan's school children were big winners in fiscal year 1993-94 with Lottery revenue to the state School Aid Fund hitting an all-time record level of \$511 million, a 19.5 percent increase over last year.

Lottery players won more than \$697.9 million in prizes this year, bringing the grand total for prizes

awarded since the Lottery's inception to more than \$7.7 billion.

In fiscal year 1993-94, a total of \$1,135,264 in prizes were awarded in Crawford County.

Six hundred forty nine Daily 3 game winners won a total of \$384,016.

One hundred sixty five Daily 4 game winners won a total of \$77,773.

Eight hundred seventy three Lotto winners won a total of \$53,652.

Seven hundred sixty two Cash 5 winners won a total of \$121,490.

One thousand six hundred ten KENO winners won a total of \$10,307.

And \$488,026 was won by players of instant games.

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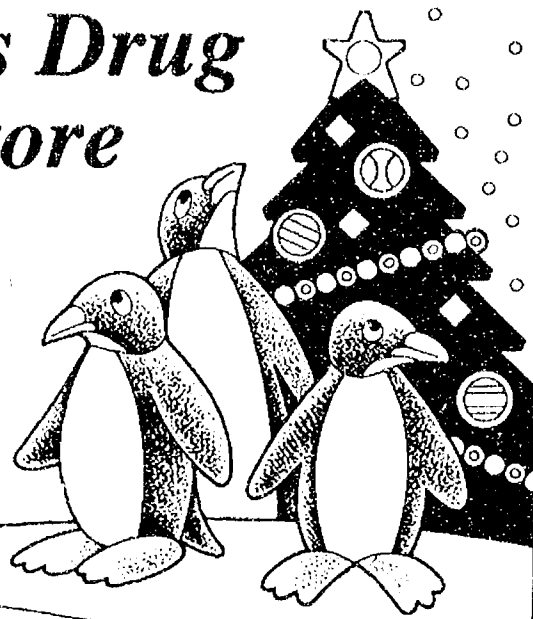
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Season's Greetings

Simple and delicious Christmas bars

Bars are just as luscious as cookies, but they don't take as long to prepare. There's no filling up the baking sheets every 10 minutes until six dozen cookies are baked. Give these time-saving recipes a try:

Cranberry-Apple Streusel Bars

2 cups plus 3 tablespoons unsifted all-purpose flour
1/2 cup firmly packed light brown sugar
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
2/3 cup butter or margarine, softened
1 can (12 ounce) apple filling
1 cup whole-berry cranberry sauce
1 teaspoon grated orange peel

Preheat oven to 400°F. Grease 13-by-9-by-2-inch baking pan; set aside.

In large bowl, combine 2 cups flour and 1/4 teaspoon salt. With pastry blender or two knives, cut in butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Remove 1/2 cup mixture; set aside. Press remaining mixture into bottom of prepared pan. Bake 10 minutes, or until lightly browned. Cool 10 minutes.

Meanwhile, in medium bowl, combine apple filling, cranberry sauce, grated

orange peel and the remaining flour and cinnamon. Spread evenly over crust in pan. Sprinkle with reserved flour mixture. Bake 25 minutes, or until lightly browned. Cool in pan on wire rack. Cut into bars.

Makes 28.

Lemon Mincemeat Bars

1/2 cup plus 3 tablespoons butter or margarine
3/4 cup firmly packed light brown sugar
1/4 cup lemon juice
2 teaspoons grated lemon rind
1 1/4 cups prepared mincemeat (not condensed)
2 cups oat bran flakes cereal
3/4 cup confectioner's sugar

Grease an 11 3/4x7 1/2-inch baking pan. Melt 1/2 cup butter.

Heat oven to 350°F. In large bowl, stir melted butter, brown sugar, 2 tablespoons lemon juice and 1 teaspoon rind together until combined. Add flour and 3/4 cup mincemeat; mix until combined. Fold in cereal.

Spread mixture in prepared pan. Spread remaining 3/4 cup mincemeat over dough. Bake 25 to 30 minutes until wooden pick inserted in center comes

out clean. Transfer pan to wire rack to cook completely.

Glaze: Melt remaining 3 tablespoons butter. Stir remaining 2 tablespoons lemon juice into confectioner's sugar. Stir in butter and 1 teaspoon lemon rind. Decoratively drizzle over cooled bars and let stand until set. Cut into bars.

Makes 20 bars.

S'mores Squares

5 whole graham crackers
1 box (12.9 oz.) fudge brownie mix
1 egg
1/4 cup vegetable oil
3 tablespoons water
1/2 cup chopped walnuts

Topping

2 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
3/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar
3 tablespoons flour
1 teaspoon baking powder

1/2 cup chopped walnuts
1/2 cup shredded coconut

Preheat oven to 375°F. Lightly grease an 11x7-inch baking dish. Place graham crackers in bottom of dish in a single layer, breaking into pieces if necessary; set aside.

In large bowl, combine brownie mix, egg, oil and water; beat two minutes. Stir in walnuts and pour brownie batter over graham crackers.

To make topping, in medium bowl, beat eggs and vanilla until fluffy. Stir in brown sugar, flour and baking powder. Pour topping over brownie batter and sprinkle with chopped walnuts and coconut.

Bake 50 to 55 minutes until wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. Transfer pan to wire rack to cool completely. Cut into squares.

Makes 24 squares.

Holiday eggs

(NAPS)—This year, it's possible to include good tasting food in your holiday plans, as long as you limit your fat intake.

In clinical tests, people who included 12 Eggland's Best eggs a week, within the fat limits of the low-fat diet recommended by the Surgeon General, showed no increase in their serum cholesterol. Eggland's Best eggs are not low cholesterol eggs. They contain 213 mg of cholesterol, which is 71 percent of the FDA's Maximum Daily Value. However, they do differ nutritionally from other eggs.

Here's a delicious recipe for Holiday Spinach Bake that includes Eggland's Best eggs. You may want to serve it at this season's holiday gatherings.

Holiday Spinach Bake

6 EGGLAND'S BEST eggs
1 1/2 cups low-fat part-

skim ricotta cheese

1 tbs minced onions

2 tsp flour

1/2 tsp salt

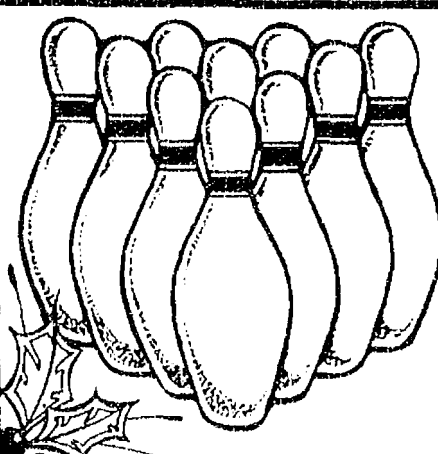
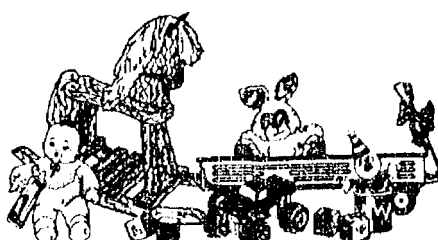
1/2 tsp dry mustard or 1 tsp dijon style mustard

1/4 tsp ground nutmeg

1 package (10 oz.) frozen chopped spinach, cooked, drained, and pressed

Pimientos (garnish)

In a medium bowl, beat together all ingredients except spinach. Lay spinach in bottom of greased 1 1/2 quart casserole or baking dish. Then pour mixed ingredients on top of spinach. Bake in a preheated 350 F oven about 30-35 minutes until knife inserted near center comes out clean. Garnish with pimientos.



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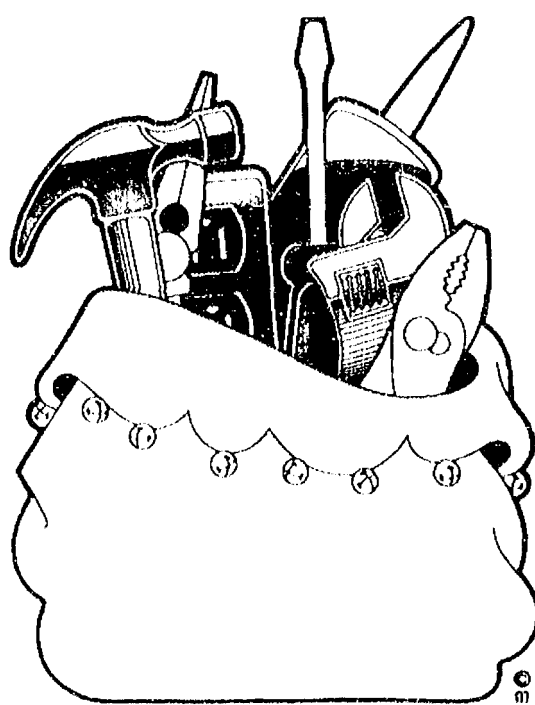
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Community News Briefs

Taxpayers may be eligible for a state tax refund

Good news for taxpayers who receive gas and oil royalties from Michigan wells!

"The Michigan Supreme Court has denied the Michigan Department of Treasury's appeal of the Carl Bauer vs. Department of Treasury case, dealing with the payment of severance tax in lieu of all other taxes. The Court of Appeals ruled that taxpayers were allowed to deduct net oil and gas royalties when determining Michigan taxable income.

The Court of Appeals based their

decision on language in the 1929 law establishing the severance tax, which states that no other taxes can be levied on royalties.

Until now, the treasury has been assessing income tax at 4.6 percent on net royalty income, in addition to the severance tax." The decision will affect thousands of taxpayers in Michigan. Royalty recipients should have their Michigan tax returns amended for the four previous years to receive their refunds.

Workshop teaches how to talk so kids will listen

The MSU Extension/4-H will be holding a 6-week workshop based on the book *How To Talk So Kids Will Listen*. The goal of this workshop is to help parents, educators, youth workers, coaches and others to communicate more effectively with children of all ages.

This 6-week series will be held on Monday nights from 6:30 to 8 p.m. starting Jan. 9, 1995. Sessions will be held at the Crawford County Courthouse, downstairs, in the 4-H

meeting room.

The cost for the program is \$12 for a single person or \$18 per couple. Two paperbacks are also needed, which may be borrowed for the class, or purchased at the MSU Extension office for \$9.50 each.

The registration deadline is Jan. 5, 1995. The workshop size is limited to 12 individuals. To register, or for more information, contact the MSU Extension office at 348-2841, ext. 264.

Grayling area host families needed for foreign teens

Foreign high school students are scheduled to arrive soon into the Grayling area for second semester homestays, and the sponsoring organization needs a few more local host families.

According to Pacific Intercultural Exchange (P.I.E.) Executive Director John Doty, the students are all between the ages of 15 and 18 years, are English-speaking, have their own spending money, carry accident and health insurance, and are anxious to share their cultural experiences with their new American families. P.I.E. currently has programs to match almost every family's needs, ranging in length from a semester to a full academic year, where the students attend local high schools.

P.I.E. area representatives match students with host families by finding common interests and lifestyles through an informal in-home meeting. Prospective host families are able to review student applications and select the perfect match. As there are no "typical" host families, P.I.E. can fit a student into just about any situation, whether it be a single parent, a childless

couple, a retired couple or a large family.

Families who host for P.I.E. are also eligible to claim a \$50 per month charitable contribution deduction on their itemized tax returns for each month they host a sponsored student.

For the upcoming programs, P.I.E. has students from Spain, Germany, Poland, Russia, Finland, Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Paraguay, Australia, New Zealand, Croatia and many other countries. P.I.E. has also been invited to participate in a special government-funded program to bring scholarship students from the Newly Independent States of the former Soviet Union to the United States.

Grayling-area families interested in learning more about student exchange or arranging for a meeting with a community representative may call P.I.E., toll free, at 1-800-631-1818. The agency also has travel/study program opportunities available for American high school students as well as possibilities for community volunteers to assist and work with area host families, students and schools.

C.O.O.R. Board of Education seeks board applicants

The C.O.O.R. Intermediate School District Board of Education, at its regular monthly meeting of Dec. 14, accepted with regret the resignation of board Trustee Robert DeWitt of Roscommon.

One person will be appointed to serve in Mr. DeWitt's position until the next C.O.O.R. board election, which takes place in June of 1996.

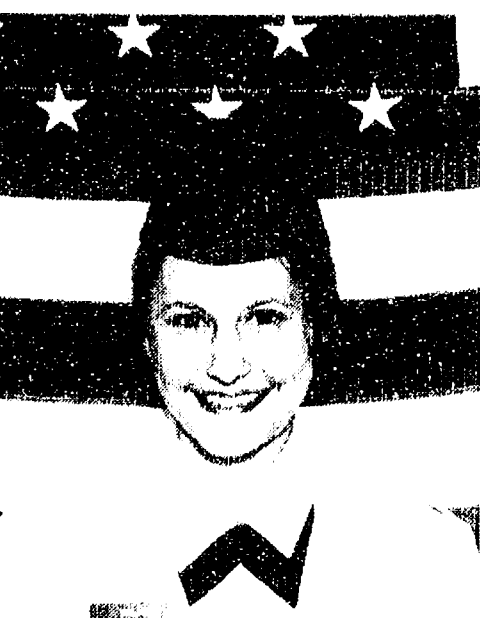
Persons interested in appointment to the board should send a letter of interest, including resume to:

Lyle Spalding, Superintendent
C.O.O.R. Intermediate School District
11051 N. Cut Road
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Interviews will take place on Thursday, Jan. 5, 1995 at the C.O.O.R. ISD administrative offices. Candidates will be contacted to confirm the time.

The C.O.O.R. offices will be closed from Dec. 26 through Jan. 3. During that period, telephone messages will be recorded when calling 275-5137, extension 220. Superintendent Spalding will return all calls.

Wilkins completes USAF basic training



Pamela Wilkins

Air Force Airman Pamela K. Wilkins has graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, TX.

During the six weeks of training the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs, and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Wilkins is the daughter of Roland F. and Janice L. Wilkins of Grayling.

She is a 1994 graduate of Grayling High School.

'Ho Ho Ho' holidays boost banner travel

Retailers aren't the only ones cashing in on shoppers this season—the upcoming holidays should cap an excellent year for the travel industry, as Michiganders take advantage of many travel bargains, according to AAA Michigan.

The most recent round of holiday airfare discounts—up to 45 percent off regular fares—prompted a flurry of travel reservations, said Peter Erickson, AAA Michigan Travel and Member Services director. Airline reservations are brisk for warm weather destinations, including Orlando, Phoenix and Las Vegas.

Cruises are also popular this holiday. Since the number of cruise ships increased in 1994, available berths now outnumber passengers. That means travelers can find cruise space sold at deep discount rates.

For auto travelers, Florida is the most popular destination. Texas, Tennessee and Arizona are other "hot-

spot" routings.

This year's 78-hour Christmas holiday begins at 6 p.m. Dec. 23, and runs to midnight Dec. 26. Last year, eight persons were killed in eight crashes on Michigan roads, compared to 21 deaths in 14 crashes in 1992. Four of last year's crashes involved alcohol use and four of the six vehicle occupants were not buckled up.

Michigan motorists will pay more for a gallon of regular self-serve unleaded gasoline this Christmas holiday. Statewide, the per gallon price is \$1.075, up eight cents from last year. Gasoline will be available, with 85 percent of stations statewide planning to be open daylight hours on Dec. 24, and 45 percent on Dec. 25.

Beyond the holiday travel season, indicators pointing to a robust 1994 include the fact that Michigan tourism, for the first nine months of 1994, was 5.7 percent ahead of the same period in 1993.

ABC Home Health Services changes name

ABC Home Health Services, Inc., the nation's second largest home health care provider by number of visits, will change its name to First American Health Care on Jan. 1. Its home health care agencies, including the agency serving Crawford, Montmorency, Oscoda, Otsego and Roscommon counties, will become First American Home Care of Gaylord.

The name change of the privately-held company was approved by its board of directors. In the past, ABC's primary business has been providing home health services to Medicare patients.

According to Robert "Jack" Mills, chairman and chief executive officer, the name change reflects the company's expansion into a broader spectrum of health industry activities beyond home care. Mills stated, "With

more than 14,000 employees, our lines of business include managed services for hospitals, private-pay home care services, international health care services, rural health clinics and various joint ventures."

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ISSUES AND OPINIONS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Do we need more taxes to improve county roads?

To the editor:

On a recent trip through the Upper Peninsula, I could not help but to marvel at the good roads. They seemed to be much better, even in the rural areas, than similar roads in the Lower.

Even one of the primary roads in the Lower, I-75, from the Zilwaukee Bridge to Gladwin, is one of the worst in the state. Even the pot holes are left unpatched. It is one jarring ride over that stretch of road and it has been that way for years.

Who is to blame for this condition? It is a federal highway, but I have a feeling that the state and county has some responsibility for it as well. Are they too, waiting for a gasoline tax increase before they will touch the road, as is the Crawford County Road

Commission?

It seems the road commissions, before they will build a road, or even prepare it, want a new tax. I ask, "What happened to all the money from all of the previous tax levies on gasoline?" The tax is still on and accumulating. Why is there a need for new and additional gasoline taxes? The name of the game now, which the taxpayer is demanding, is for the government to do more with less.

Maybe if the Crawford County Road Commission would build better roads in the first place, then there would not be a need for an extra gasoline tax now.

Harvey Burkholder
Grayling

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

By Joe Murphy

An evening drive around Grayling and surrounding areas can really get you in a holiday mood. Those displays of Christmas lighting show a lot of ingenuity plus a lot of work to create all that beauty. I know folks do a lot of ohing and ahing as those displays come into view. At times I feel Grayling deserves the title of Christmas Town U.S.A. Not only for those displays, but also the special dinners that are held so everyone can share in the joy of Christmas. Let us not forget the donations and effort expended to insure every child will know joy on Christmas morn'. The number of churches in the area show the child who was born in Bethlehem on that cold night long ago still is a very important part of life in our town. The old man wishes to take this opportunity to wish each and every one a joyous holiday season and a happy, prosperous new year.

The old man is happy to note a few rabbit tracks in places, and if I can remember where I saw those tracks I may do a little rabbit hunting this winter. I like a day when it stops snowing just before daylight. On those days if you find tracks, the rabbit is holed up somewhere close by. A little careful tracking and a lot of looking and you will spot that little shoe-button eye. That's when I really enjoy hunting with a 22 pistol, for a well placed shot will provide Carolyn with the makings of a very good dinner.

I guess I am beginning to follow my winter routine of a lot of reading, a few games of solitaire and cribbage games with Carolyn. We play for the high stakes of a nickel a game and a dime for a skunk. We seem to run pretty close, for so far I am the sum of 45 cents ahead. A dollar's worth of nickels will go back and forth all winter.

I watch very little television anymore. I just can't seem to get interested in the kind of shows you see nowadays. The one show I hate to miss is *America's Most Wanted*. That program shows just how useful television can be. It has led to the capture of well over 300 of the most wanted criminals in this country. There is no place left for the criminal to hide when they show them on national television. John Walsh, the show's host, had his little son abducted and murdered. Since then, with his show, he has made life miserable for the criminal element.

The old man has been wandering around the woods with my old muzzle loader. Been seeing a few more deer than in rifle season, but none I could see horns on. I guess I will be eating hamburger instead of venison chops this winter. Still it has been good to get out there and do a little walking and a lot of sitting. If the Dear Lord is willing I will be sitting in the woods watching dawn break on the first day of rifle season next year for the 53rd time.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten but please double space or use every other line.

Every letter must be signed and an address and phone number should be included. Letters will

not be published without the author's name.

Letters are limited to 500 words.

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FROM OUR CORNER By Whitey Madsen

Of letters again... an explanation...

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus...

No, Ms. Holley, the Avalanche is not Scrooge...

Our column a couple weeks ago was misinterpreted by a few of our readers that the Avalanche had entered the Gestapo age of censorship.

The main point in my column was for the letters to the editor to be on issues, and not on personalities.

Besides the letter from Ms. Holley, I also received a couple phone calls on the same subject. I hope I clarified the meaning to them.

I will try and explain, the word censorship, is a product of Ms. Holley's and did not appear in my column.

All letters to the editor, as well as articles are edited. Writers at times get carried away, and at times could possibly be libelous.

Letters in this group, the author will be called explaining why it will not be published. If the writer wishes to

rewrite the letter, it will be reconsidered for publication if it is not actionable.

I am well aware that all political office holders are fair game to the wrath of their constituents. That can be carried to far where it gets nasty... especially if in a small town.

This does not mean they are not accountable to their constituents. All elected officials, from the President on down, are servants of the people.

Ms. Holley's letter stated: "In general the editorial disclaimer serves well enough, and if ideas and opinions are good or bad, or support versus status quo, please let the readers decide."

She ends her letter: "Please let the readers be the sovereign judges, and through truth, and truth only, will freedom ring."

That is fine and good, but, the editorial disclaimer does not thoroughly protect the newspaper from libel, in other words, it doesn't hold water if someone wants to sue.

I know from experience. Our group

had bought the Avalanche a short while, when I received a letter to the editor about a local builder that was criticized on the workmanship on four new houses.

The letter was signed by the four owners. I had a local attorney check it for libel. He gave me the okay to run it.

Within two weeks, the Avalanche was sued for \$300,000 by the builder. The four who signed the letter were not served with papers, only the Avalanche.

After about six months the suit was dismissed in the court, as the builder had moved out west and didn't attend the final hearing called by the court.

Even with the suit dismissed in the courts, the Avalanche paid out nearly \$2,000 for attorney fees to represent the paper, not counting the sleepless nights I had.

Second, the Avalanche, like every newspaper in the country, reserves the right to edit any and all letters, articles and advertisements for contents and

also length.

A newspaper can refuse any copy for publication. That is why, we feel a letter writer deserves to be called and given an explanation of why the letter is in question and given the chance to rewrite it. I hope this clears the air.

Sharon Lynch, the gal who has to decipher and edit my ramblings and set it on the computer told me to keep it short this week... so who am I to argue...

A few closures from Joe Falls' column in the *Detroit News*:

John J. Salgado, celebrated Noodge of the North: "My wife would make a good congresswoman. She is always introducing new bills around the house."

Dean Martin, Hollywood comic and singer: "I just took my bar exam but flunked martinis."

The late Robert Frost: "Most poets will tell you rhyme doesn't pay."

With that, have a Merry Christmas and a Danish Glaedelig Jul.



ALMANACK By Richard Milliman

One solitary life...

(Editor's note: The following column first appeared in *The Almanack* several years ago as a *Gathering of several appropriate thoughts at Christmas time*, and this column has appeared during the Christmas season several times during succeeding years.)

"HERE IS A YOUNG MAN, who was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in another small village. He worked in a carpenter shop until he was 30, and then for three years He was an itinerant preacher.

"He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never owned a home. He never had a family. He never went to college. He never put His foot inside a big city. He never traveled 200 miles from the place He was born. He never did one of the things that usually accompany greatness. He had no credentials but Himself.

"While He was still a young man, the tide of public opinion turned against Him. His friends ran away. He was turned over to His enemies. He went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. While He was dying, His executioners gambled for the only piece of property He had on earth, and that was His coat. "When He was dead, He was laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

"Nineteen centuries have come and gone, and today He is the central figure of the human race, and the leader of the column of progress. "I am far within the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched... and all the navies that ever sailed... and all the parliaments that ever sat... and all the kings that ever reigned, put together... have not affected the life of man upon this earth, as has "That one solitary life."

OF COURSE, I didn't originate that article, I only repeat it from the original and unknown [to me] author. But it seems to me that in a relatively few lines, the story of "One Solitary Life" helps us add perspective to our activities, especially as we enjoy the holiday season each year.

What we each seek is happiness, each in his or her own form, and

Editor's Quote Book

There are only two forces that unite men—fear and interest.

Napoleon Bonaparte

happiness comes in many guises. As long as I'm quoting, let me endorse the formula for happiness set down many years ago by Ralph Waldo Emerson:

"A happy life is to laugh often and to love much... to win the respect of intelligent persons and the affection of children... to earn the approbation of honest critics and to endure the betrayal of friends... to appreciate beauty... to find the best in everything... to give one's self... to leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social

condition... to have played and laughed with enthusiasm, and to have sung with exaltation... to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived..."

YES, WE NEED a credo, a purpose, a plan to our living, and to our life. We need principles, truth, faith. We need prayer.

One of the most beautiful and touching prayers ever composed is the familiar Prayer of St. Francis:

"Lord, make me an instrument of your peace... where there is hatred, let me sow love... where there is injury, pardon... where there is doubt, faith... where there is despair, hope... where

there is darkness, light... and where there is sadness, joy.

"Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console... to be understood as to understand... to be loved as to love... For it is in giving that we receive... it is in pardoning that we are pardoned... and in dying that we are born to eternal life."

Truly, words to live by.

To all of you, a blessed and joyous holiday season, from *The Almanack*.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

TALL TIMBER TALES

By Mark Stormzand

Different trees in the forest

This week past, my dog and I were working in a forested area near the Straits. My dog, Prairie, decided it was time to stop and remove the snow that had built between her paws. I was looking up at the trees; consequently, I did not see my four-legged friend stop, and down I went. After a few quick licks to my face to show no hard feelings, Prairie continued her task. Since we had been walking for over an hour, and I was already on the ground, I decided to take a break.

As I sat there resting, it dawned on me that within my sight, I could see seven different types of trees. I found this very interesting because in some parts of the country, you may not find that many types in a whole county. I decided that for the rest of the day I would keep track of the number of tree species and where they occurred.

As I stood I said, "OK gal, we're burning daylight, let's go." Prairie was up like a shot and bounding quickly ahead of me.

I was standing in a northern hardwood stand. I took out my notebook and recorded the types of trees and what the terrain was like. Here I found sugar maple, beech, white ash, yellow birch, ironwood, basswood, and a few scattered large hemlock. I could see bare ground underneath some wind blown trees and it looked to be a sandy loam type. From experience, I knew this area had to be well drained for these species to be growing here.

I put my pad away, took out my compass and headed due north, the direction I was heading in before my friend decided it was time for a break. Prairie stood there looking at me very patiently. From the look on her face I could tell she was frustrated with all of this stopping and starting. I knew she just wanted to walk through the bush and forget all of this tree stuff.

After a couple of hundred yards, the terrain started to fall a few feet. Here I found a species like white birch, red maple and aspen. The ground was getting wetter and the drainage was poorer in this area. In a few minutes we were walking into a conifer swamp. Even with the snow we had the night before, I noticed the ground was bare in this thick swamp. Soon I discovered why. Prairie was pulling on a branch which was attached to a small cedar tree. I thought this was rather funny until a few bushels of snow, which were lodged in the tree tops, came tumbling down my neck. These thick swamps provide wildlife shelter in the winter months by not allowing as much snow to reach the forest floor; the denseness also provides protection from the wind. This conifer swamp had quite a variety of tree species in it. I recorded cedar, balsam fir, white and black spruce, and balsam-of-gilead. It was obvious that the water table here was very high.

Prairie and I had to change our course, so I set my compass due east and started walking. I had only gone a few feet when I came upon my canine friend standing on her hind legs with her front paws against an old hemlock. She was looking up, and looking straight down at her was a porcupine. I was glad they met that way rather than up "close and personal" on the ground. It really makes my day when I have to hold my 90-pound golden retriever down with one hand and pull out quills with the other.

After traveling a quarter of a mile through the swamp, the forest opened up and the ground became very wet. There were two reasons why I knew I was getting near a river. The first was the vegetation. Here I found brown ash and lots of tag alder. The second was the sound a very large dog makes when it has found its most favorite thing in the world — water.

I found a log to cross and was safe

on the other side without getting wet. As I mentally congratulated myself on staying dry, I received a soaking as Prairie shook herself off.

As the day wore on, I passed along ridges of northern hardwoods and valleys of conifer swamps. Nearing my pickup and the end of the day, Prairie and I came to an area of large white and red pine with a few oaks scattered in between. Also, I could see pockets of jack pine in the distance. Prairie was ahead of me and I could see her digging at the mouth of an old coyote hole. I knew the coyotes had chosen this area for a den because the sandy soil made it easier to dig. The main reason I knew the soil here would be sandy and poor were the tree species which were growing. Red, white, and jack pine, normally do very well on this type of soil.

Driving home in my truck, with Prairie sprawled across the seat and her head in my lap, I started counting all the different trees I had seen that day. Twenty-two was the final figure. Twenty-two different species and six different sites. Each time the soil type changed, the elevation changed, or the ground got wetter, I came upon different trees. I thought to myself that northern Michigan sure was a great place to live if you like trees. Prairie raised her head and looked at me. That's when I realized that instead of thinking these thoughts, I had been talking out loud again. "Hey," I said, "you could have worse things than having me talk out loud. You have a better life than most humans." With that, she yawned, put her wet head back on my lap and fell asleep.

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Local governmental units receive disability dividend

The City of Grayling and the Crawford County Transportation Authority (CCTA), are among 675 Michigan cities, villages, townships and other public entities which will share in a \$5.5 million dividend from the Michigan Bureau of Workers Disability Compensation.

The City of Grayling will receive \$4,495.82 and the CCTA will receive \$5,024.42.

The dividend comes as a result of reductions in work-related injuries since 1989.

A fund administrator said the dividend checks are expected to be processed and mailed by mid-January.

Avalanche announces early deadlines for holiday

The *Crawford County Avalanche* will be closed Monday, December 26, in observance of Christmas. The deadline for full page, half page, or color display ads, for the Dec. 29 issue, is Wednesday, Dec. 21, at 5 p.m.

The deadline for all display ads smaller than a half page is noon Thursday, Dec. 22. Letters to the Editor and photographs must be turned in by Thursday noon, Dec. 22, to be considered for the next issue.

Community news items and classified display ads must be turned in by Friday noon, Dec. 23. Classified ads by the word must be turned in by Tuesday noon, Dec. 27, and have to be paid in advance or they will not be published.

The *Avalanche* will reopen at 9 a.m. on Tuesday morning, Dec. 27.

Motorists invited to join national safety effort Dec. 16

Michigan motorists are being asked to turn their vehicle headlights on throughout the day Friday, Dec. 16, as part of a national campaign to heighten awareness and concern for safe and sober driving.

"Lights on for Life" is a symbolic 1-day nationwide headlight observance to recognize the persons killed and injured in alcohol-related crashes. The event also serves to reinforce the message behind the "Drive Michigan Safely" campaign, which urges motorists to be safe and courteous drivers.

Michigan State Police patrol cars will have their vehicle lights on that day and throughout the entire weekend, which is the national Holiday Lifesaver weekend, observed each year by the International Association of Chiefs of Police to encourage safe driving and reduce traffic crashes over the busy holiday season. In addition, all Michigan law enforcement agencies have been invited to take part in the Lights on for Life campaign.

"This is a special opportunity to remind motorists to drive safe and sober," said Betty J. Mercer, executive director of the Michigan State Police, Office of Highway Safety Planning. "Alcohol does impair driving ability and is a factor in more than 40 percent of the state's fatal crashes."

State Police also report that studies have shown that using headlights, even during daylight hours, increases visibility and reduces traffic crashes.

46TH CIRCUIT COURT

Appearing before the Honorable Alton T. Davis, Nov. 21:

Paul Lewis Adkison, age 20 of Gaylord, was sentenced on the charge of Breaking and Entering With Intent. He was placed on three years probation and ordered to spend nine months in the county jail with credit for 56 days served. He shall pay \$40 to the Crime Victims Fund, \$410 restitution, \$360 court costs, \$735 attorney fees and \$1,080 supervision fees.

Isaac Paul Messenheimer, age 18 of Grayling, was sentenced on the charge of Breaking and Entering With Intent. He was placed on three years probation or ordered to spend 12 months in the county jail with credit for one day served. He shall pay \$40 to the Crime Victims Fund, \$410 restitution, \$360 court costs and \$1,080 supervision fees. He shall successfully complete the Special Alternative Incarceration Program of the Michigan Department of Corrections. Failure to comply with program rules will be considered a probation violation.

Robert Reed Sheppard, II, age 22 of Gaylord, was sentenced on the charge of Breaking and Entering With Intent. He was placed on three years probation and sentenced to six months in the county jail with credit for 53 days served. He shall pay \$40 to the Crime Victims Fund, \$410 restitution, \$360 court costs, \$735 attorney fees and \$1,080 supervision fees.

Kevin Andrew Whitehouse, age 37 of the Michigan Department of Corrections was arraigned on violating his probation. He pled guilty to Count III: Failure to Pay Restitution. In exchange for his plea, Counts I and II were dismissed.

Randy Eugene Martin, age 25 of Flint, was sentenced for violating his probation. Martin's term of probation was extended to 60 months. He shall serve 181 days in the county jail with credit for 181 days served. He shall report to the 68th District Court in Genesee County by noon on Nov. 22. He shall submit himself for a substance abuse evaluation and participate in any treatment program that may be recommended without terminating same without the prior permission of his supervising probation agent. That he complete his high school diploma or obtain a G.E.D. during the term of his probation. That he abstain from the use of alcoholic beverages and illicit drugs during his probationary term.

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Intro to Computers II	Tuesday, 6 - 10 pm	Adult Learning Center
Intro to Computers II	Wednesday, 1 - 5 pm	Adult Learning Center
WordPerfect	Wednesday, 6 - 10 pm	Adult Learning Center

Pre-registration is now under way. Classes will begin the week of January 23, 1995. \$50 per 17-week course

Register at the Adult Learning Center or call 348-7641 ext. 550 - 551 for more information

HEALTHLINE

Linda DeMarchis, M.A., Health Educator

This column is presented as a public service to the community by District Health Department No. 1 which serves, Wexford, Missaukee, Kalkaska, and Crawford counties. If you have a question you would like answered, please send it to Health Educator District Health Department No. 1, 401 Lake St., Cadillac, Michigan, 49601.

Question: This is my first year to prepare a holiday dinner. What is the best way to defrost, cook and store a turkey to avoid food poisoning?

Answer: Following these simple suggestions will help make the holidays both happy and healthy.

• Check the turkey packaging for thawing instructions. It's best to thaw it in the original wrapper in the refrigerator, planning on 24 hours per five pounds of turkey. If speedy defrosting is necessary, submerge under cold water in a large utility sink, changing water every 30 minutes to keep it cold, or place the bird under cold running water. This type of thawing requires 30 minutes per pound.

• Once thawed, the turkey ideally should be cooked within 24 hours. Keep refrigerated until time to cook.

• Take the time to wash the turkey thoroughly inside and out, including giblets, then drain. If turkey feels sticky under the wings, at leg joints,

or above the tail, it may be starting to spoil and should not be used. Other indicators of trouble include dark wing tips and a bad odor.

• Stuffing inside of a turkey can be a source of foodborne illness. Ideally bird and stuffing should be cooked separately, especially if turkey is too large to eat at one sitting. Stuffing prepared in advance should be refrigerated immediately and loosely placed in the turkey just before cooking.

• Plan on cooking the turkey 15-18 minutes per pound for an unstuffed bird and 18-24 per pound for a stuffed bird in a 325 degree oven. A meat thermometer is recommended. Turkey is done when dark meat registers 180 degrees, breast reaches 170 degrees, or stuffing reaches 165 degrees.

• If turkey is done ahead of schedule and must be held until the rest of dinner is finished cooking, lower oven temp to 200 degrees and watch meat thermometer to make sure it never falls below 140 degrees.

• Turkey should never remain on the holiday table more than an hour or two. Then meat should be removed from bones and refrigerated promptly.

If you follow these basic rules of turkey preparation, and be sure hands, utensils, sink, and cutting board are thoroughly washed, your holidays should be safe from foodborne illness.

Local Weather

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Date	High	Low	Rain or snow	Snow on ground
12/14	26	0		1"
12/15	30	14		1"
12/16	31	8	0.02	1"
12/17	34	17	0.34	7"
12/18	34	30	0.03	8"
12/19	36	29		6"
12/20	33	28		6"

Extended forecast courtesy of the U.S. Weather Service in Houghton Lake: Wednesday will be mostly cloudy, with the highs ranging from 40 to 45. Thursday thru Saturday will be dry. The highs on Thursday will be 40 to 45, with the lows in the low to mid 30s. Friday will be warmer with the highs in the mid 40s to near 50, and the lows in the mid 30s to around 40. Saturday's high will be in the mid 40s to around 50, with the lows in the 30s.

DOODLES FROM THE TALL TIMBER

By Wendell L. Hoover, Park Interpreter

Like many others I have spent some time in the local forest in hopes a whitetail would show up. And while waiting there is a lot to take note of especially when you are so intent on studying every shape and movement.

On a recent afternoon I took up a stand under a very large eastern hemlock in a clear cut where the trees are some 20 feet tall. The old hemlock is at least 30 inches in diameter, but a long time ago it lost some of its top so it is not tall, but the remaining crown is very thick. On that particular day the branches were covered with snow which an occasional errant breeze would dislodge in fine sparkling cascades.

All was quiet in my corner of that young forest, with not even a raven or

bluejay to disturb the quiet, and as the afternoon passed by and darkness came like someone drawing a shade down across the sky, I started to see chickadees. They approached from several directions, still searching the surrounding underbrush for some tidbit. You know chickadees, they are always chattering about something or other, but these little bundles of gray, white and black feathers came in silence. They gathered in the thick foliage over my head, and that they were there was not in question, as they disturbed the branches enough to dislodge more showers of frosty snow. And when I quietly left they were still there in the shelter of mother nature's arms.

Holiday Worship Services

GRAYLING FREE METHODIST CHURCH
Christmas Eve Service of Lights--7 p.m.
Christmas Day--11 a.m.

ABUNDANT LIFE TABERNACLE
Christmas Day--11 a.m.

MICHELSON MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Christmas Eve--5, 8 and 11 p.m.
Christmas Day--10 a.m.

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
Christmas Eve--5 and 8 p.m.
Christmas Day--10:30 a.m.

HERITAGE BAPTIST CHURCH
Christmas Day--10 a.m.

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH
Christmas Eve--7 p.m.
Christmas Day--10:30 a.m.

GRAYLING ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Christmas Day--11 a.m.

ST. FRANCIS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Christmas Eve--8 p.m.
Christmas Day--10:30 a.m.

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Christmas Eve--7 p.m.
Christmas Day--10:30 a.m.
New Year's Eve--7 p.m.

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FRI. 23	•MEET THE GRADS @ HS media center, 10 am - 12 noon. •EARLY DISMISSAL beginning @ 11:30 at both elementary schools - school closed for winter vacation through January 3rd.
SAT. 24	•CHRISTMAS EVE. •GRAYLING FREE METHODIST Church candle lighting service, 7 pm.
SUN. 25	• MERRY CHRISTMAS! • ATTEND THE CHURCH of your choice.
MON. 26	•COA CENTER CLOSED.
TUES. 27	•GRAYLING PROMOTIONAL ASSOCIATION luncheon meeting @ Iron Gate Restaurant, 12 noon. •GRAYLING UPTOWN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION meeting @ 8 am, @ Stevens Family Circle.
WED. 28	•WEIGHT WATCHER'S meeting @ St. Francis Episcopal Church, weigh-in 4:45; meeting 5:30 pm. •ROTARY LUNCHEON meeting @ Chief Shoppenagon's Motor Hotel, 12 noon.

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Season's Greetings

Christmas cookie recipes

To make candy canes, twist two ropes together and bend into cane shape. On ungreased baking sheets bake 8 to 10 minutes until firm. Cool 1 minute on baking sheet before transferring to wire rack to cool completely.

Stir water into confectioner's sugar to make icing. Drizzle each cookie with icing and sprinkle each with some of the remaining chopped candies. Set cookies aside until icing has set.

Makes 72 cookies.

Marbled Spritz Cookies

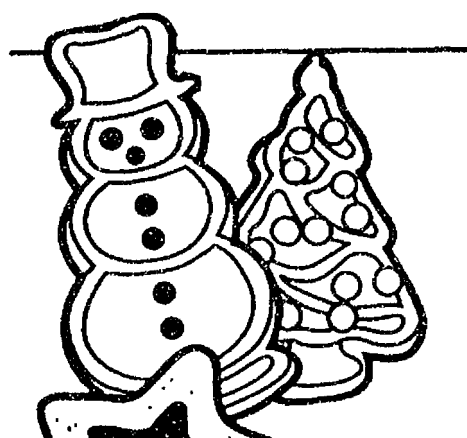
1 cup butter or margarine,
softened
3/4 cup sugar
1 large egg
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
2 1/3 cup unsifted all-purpose
flour
1 square (one ounce)
unsweetened chocolate,
melted and cooled

Beat butter and sugar at medium speed until light and fluffy. Beat in egg and vanilla. Stir in flour just until blended. Divide

dough in half. In another bowl, mix chocolate into one half of dough. Cover dough halves with plastic wrap; refrigerate 20 minutes.

Preheat oven to 350°. Form each dough half into six ropes. Alternately arrange chocolate and plain doughs in cookie press fitted with desired disk. Force dough through press onto ungreased baking sheets, placing cookies about one inch apart. Bake eight minutes, or until cookies are firm. Cool on wire racks.

Makes about 5 dozen.



Brown-Edged Honey Wafers

1/2 cup butter or margarine,
softened
1/4 cup sugar

2 tablespoons honey
1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 egg white
3/4 cup all-purpose flour

Heat oven to 425°F. In medium bowl, beat butter until smooth. Add sugar, honey and vanilla, and beat until light and fluffy. Beat in egg white. Stir in flour until combined.

Drop batter by half teaspoonfuls, two inches apart, onto greased baking sheets. Bake six to eight minutes until edges are lightly browned. Immediately transfer cookies from baking sheet to wire rack to cool.

Makes about 5 dozen.



Oatmeal Drops

1 1/2 cups quick-cooking oats
1/2 cup solid vegetable
shortening
1/2 cup firmly packed light
brown sugar
1/3 cup sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 egg
1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
36 large milk chocolate drops

Heat oven to 350°F. Spread oats on baking sheet and bake 10 minutes until lightly browned. Turn off oven. Transfer baking sheet to wire rack to cool completely.

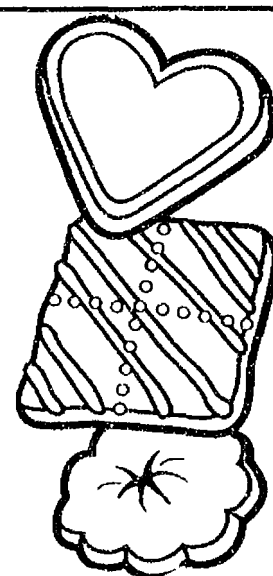
While oats are cooling, cream shortening, brown sugar, sugar and vanilla in medium bowl until smooth and light. Beat in egg.

Add flour, baking soda and salt, stirring until blended. Stir in

oats. Cover dough and refrigerate two to four hours until firm.

Heat oven to 375°F. Shape dough into 36 1-inch balls and place one inch apart on greased baking sheet. Bake 12 to 15 minutes until lightly browned around edge. Press a chocolate drop into each cookie. Transfer to wire rack to cool.

Makes 3 dozen cookies.



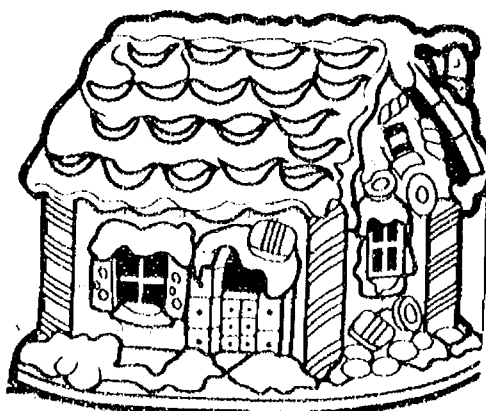
Pfeffernuesse

6 cups unsifted all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
2 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon ground all-spice
1 teaspoon ground cloves
3/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
1/2 teaspoon pepper
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/8 teaspoon ground cardamom
5 large eggs
2 cups firmly packed light
brown sugar
3 tablespoons black coffee
1 cup ground blanched almonds
1 teaspoon grated lemon peel
1/2 cup confectioner's sugar

In large bowl, combine flour, cinnamon, baking powder, all-spice, cloves, nutmeg, pepper, salt and the cardamom; set aside. Beat eggs at high speed until fluffy. Gradually beat in brown sugar until blended. At low speed, alternately beat in flour mixture and coffee. With rubber spatula, fold in almonds and lemon peel. Wrap dough in plastic wrap; refrigerate until firm, about two hours.

Preheat oven to 300°F. Grease two large baking sheets; set aside. Roll one tablespoon dough into a ball; place on prepared baking sheet. Repeat with remaining dough, placing cookies one inch apart on baking sheets. Bake 18 minutes, or until cookies are lightly browned. Cool on wire racks. Place confectioner's sugar on sheet of waxed paper; roll cookies in sugar until coated.

Makes about 8 dozen.



A new twist to a childhood favorite

(NAPS)—Your holiday guests will come back for "s'more" when you serve them this quick holiday treat. Cherry S'Mores, made with new Thank You® More Fruit Cherry Pie Filling, bring a new taste sensation to this old childhood favorite. You can also start a new family tradition by having children help prepare this easy dessert.

You'll be in and out of the kitchen in nearly no time, with more time to spend with friends and family this holiday season.

Cherry S'Mores
Prep Time: 3 min.
Microwave Time: 4 min.

1 bar (7 oz.) chocolate candy, broken
into 8 sections
8 graham cracker squares
8 large marshmallows
1 cup Thank You® Brand More Fruit
Cherry or Light Cherry Pie Filling

Place one piece of candy on each cracker. Microwave, four crackers at a time, on high (100%) 45 seconds to one minute, until chocolate starts to melt. Place one marshmallow on

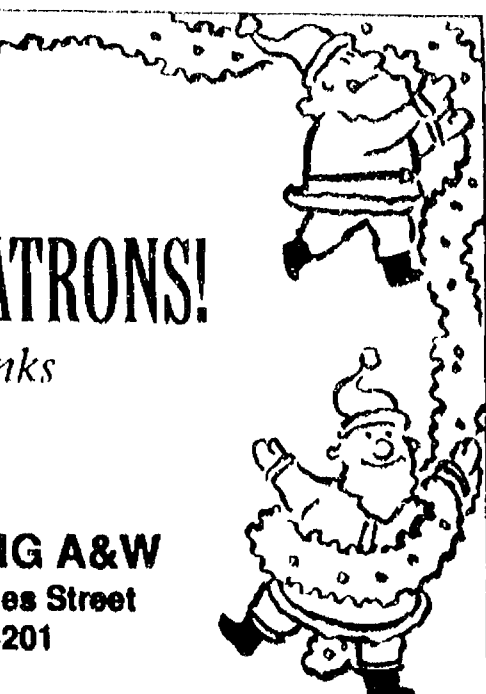
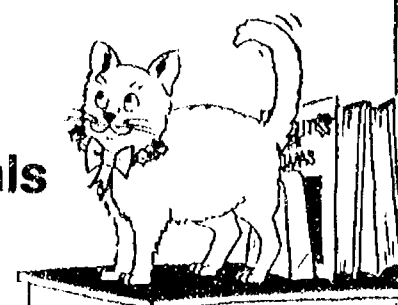


each cracker. Microwave 15 to 30 seconds until soft. Top each with a spoonful of cherry filling. Repeat. Makes 8 servings.

All of God's Creation Rejoice!

All of us here wish you a
joyous holiday season!

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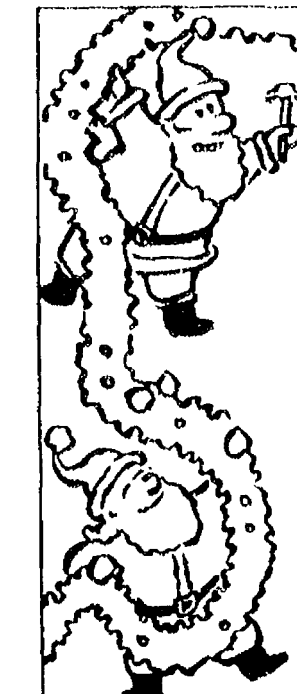


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Merry Christmas & many thanks
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Away In A Manger

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celebration of His glorious birth. May the spirit of
Christmas be with you now and forever.
Special thanks for your kind support.

The Owners & Employees
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SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

By Jan Farley

Special thought for the week: (Sign on a church — "You are not too bad to come in. You are not too good to stay out!") And as Tiny Tim said, "God Bless us, everyone." Merry Christmas to one and all!

Correction for the dancers in the group — the New Year's bash is scheduled for the 29th and not the 30th as in the column last week. Sorry about that.

We had "little people" at the center last week with the local Brownies and Girl Scouts bringing pie and ice cream; plus lovely prizes for a special Bingo party after dinner on the 14th. The girls stood by to help the seniors and kibitz on the games. Everyone had a wonderful time, and the seniors would like to thank each and every one who made the evening a success!

Brownies are coming again on Thursday of this week to bring caroling to the complex and also into the dining room at dinner time. And to help them warm up after their outside work, they will have cocoa and cookies at the center.

Meals at the center are good,

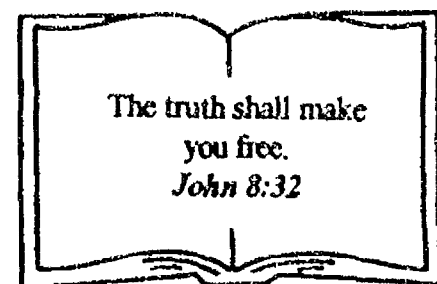
nourishing, well balanced, plus you don't have to cook or do the dishes. Any senior, or spouse that is 60 or older, and their friends are welcome. Suggested donation for 60+ is \$1.50 and a \$2.50 price for those under 60.

Reservations are appreciated because it is important to have an idea of how many people are coming, so that there is enough food prepared.

Meals are served at noon and 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday and at noon only on Fridays. Menus are subject to change and are listed as:

Lunch/Dinner:
Dec. 21-Pepper Steak/BBQ Chicken;
Dec. 22-Baked Ham/Salisbury Steak;
Dec. 23-BBQ Beef;
Center closed on Dec. 26.
Dec. 27-Veal Parmesan/Kielbasa Baked Dinner;
Dec. 28-Bratwurst & Kraut/Spaghetti and Meatballs;
Dec. 29-Macaroni & Cheese/Beef;
Dec. 30-BBQ Chicken.

Coming Events
Mark your calendars for:
Dec. 21-COA Board meeting — make it a point to come — if you don't, how are you going to know what's going on? And, maybe, have some input.
Merry, merry Christmas!
Remember the center is closed on Dec. 26.



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The Bible Speaks

From the Calvary Baptist Church

Peace

The angelic message at the birth of Jesus Christ was "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." (Luke 2:14) Christ was prophesied as the coming "Prince of Peace" in Isaiah 9:6. Listen to the promise of the next verse: "Of the increase of [his] government and peace [there shall be] no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this." (Isa. 9:7) Then why is peace not universal upon the earth today?

War started in heaven in a conflict between God and Satan, truth and error, righteousness and wickedness, good and bad, right and wrong, sacrifice and selfishness. God won this war in heaven. (Rev. 12:7) With the casting of Satan from heaven, this war moved to earth. Jesus Christ came to earth to bring us peace through victory. He

has paid the price for our sin to give us peace. "And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, [I say], whether [they be] things in earth, or things in heaven." (Col 1:20) The Prince of Peace now reigns on His throne in heaven, and awaits the coming day when He will reign upon earth.

By trusting Jesus Christ as our saviour who died for our sins and arose to give us forgiveness of sins and eternal life, we have peace with God. "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." (Rom 5:1) We have not only peace with God, but the peace of God. (Phil 4:7) Jesus Christ left us His peace when He ascended to heaven. "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." (John 14:27) They have "great peace" who love God's word. (Psalm 119:165) The peace of God is spread by sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ.

(Rom 10:15)

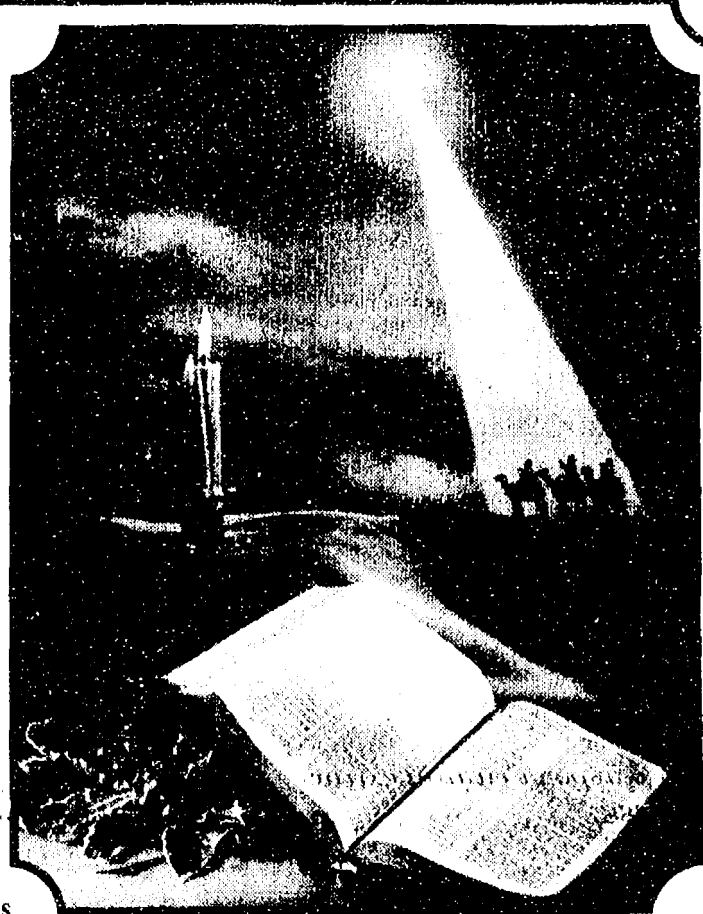
Jesus Christ is coming back to this earth one day to bring final judgment upon sin and to establish His earthly kingdom. "And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war." (Rev. 19:11) Christ will defeat Satan on earth as He did in heaven. Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, will truly be the Lord of Peace. "The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all)." (Acts 10:36) "Now the Lord of peace himself give you peace always by all means. The Lord be with you all." (2Th 3:16) Please accept God's peace and a Merry Christmas to you through faith in the person, work, and word of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Pastor "B"

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A Closer Look at Christmas

It's a payday Friday...nearly Christmas. Sleet pelts the darkness as Christmas lights and traffic lights merge to mirror red and green on wet pavement, creeping cars scrambling in a crazy haze. Wait, look closely...
Led by the Star of Bethlehem, Mary, great with child, rides a donkey with Joseph at her side.
Shoppers crowd aisles, retrieving crumpled lists from coat pockets. Seasonal lights blink on an indoor forest of "easy to assemble" trees. Wait, look closely...
Mary and Joseph rest in a lovely stable, while cattle gaze in wonder. There are no trees here...only a desert, a stable and a star. The birth of Jesus, the Son of God, is imminent.
Christmas carols compete with cash registers and frantic footsteps. Wait, listen closely...
Hark! The cry of the newborn Christ-child. Hear shepherds' footsteps and Wise Men's whispers, as Mary croons a lullabye.
Here lies Jesus, the Savior of humankind. Take a closer look this Christmas. Worship the newborn King.

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First Baptist Church Of Frederic
Pastor Dale Hammond
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study 7 p.m.

Christian Science Society
209 First St. - Suite 103 - Gaylord
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
April through October
2nd Wednesday 8 p.m.

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church
Pastor Doug Paterson
400 Michigan Ave.
Sunday Worship 8:30 & 11 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30-10:30 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship 10:30-11 a.m.
Bible Study (Wed.) 10 a.m.

Seventh Day Adventist
Pastor David Stramel
Phone 348-4445
Services held Saturday at Camp AuSable in 1st building on the right off new entrance road.
Church Service 9:30 a.m.
Sabbath School 10:30 a.m.
Prayer Meeting Tues 7 p.m.

Grayling Assembly of God
Rev. Ron Voelker, Pastor
Old 27 North, 701 Grayling Rd.
Church - 348-8885
Parsonage 348-2588
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday - Family Night
Adult-Youth-Children Sessions 7 p.m.

Christian Science Society
Zone 11, 106 James St. - Houghton Lake
Sunday Ser. & Sunday School 11 a.m.
1st Wednesday (April-Oct.) - 7:30 p.m.

Heritage Baptist
Pastor Jim Van Liere 348-7699
1841 Hartwick Pines Rd.
1/4 mile west of I-75
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.

St. John Evangelical Lutheran (ELCA)
Pastor Joe Trester
710 Spruce St. - Phone 348-5224
Bible Study 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Nursery is available

Reorganized Church Of Jesus Christ Of Latter Day Saints
Pastor Lacey Stephan, Jr.
Corner of North Down River Rd. and South Millikin Rd.
Church School 9:45 a.m.
Preaching 11 a.m.
Midweek Service Prayer 7 p.m.

Gaylord Christian Reformed
Rev. V. Schaap
415 Ohio North
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

St. Mary's Catholic Church
Fr. Michael Conner - 348-7291
702 Peninsular - 348-7657
Saturday 5 p.m.
Sunday 9 & 11 a.m.
Weekday Mass
Tuesday 8 a.m.
Wednesday 10 a.m.
Thursday 8 a.m.
Friday 8 a.m.
Confession Saturday 4 p.m.

Calvary Assembly of God
Rev. Lawrence Cook
250 Lake St. - Roscommon
275-5309
Sunday School 9:45
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Family Night 7 p.m.

Lovells Chapel
Pastor Gary Hopp
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Chapel Service 11 a.m.
Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7-8 p.m.

Calvary Baptist Church
Dr. Robert Barnett, Pastor
M-72 West
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Mid-Week Services
Prayer & Awana Club (Wed) ... 7 p.m.

Church of Christ
Gordon French Minister
Old US 27 at Skyline Rd.
348-8573
Sunday School 10:15 a.m.
Communion & Preaching 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday
Mid-week Bible Study 7 p.m.

Bear Lake Christian
M-72 & East Bear Lake Rd.
Sunday School 9 a.m.
Sunday Service 10 a.m.

The Church of Christ with the Eliza Message
Pastor Dohn E. Weaver
7662 Kelly Ave. - Frederic
Sunday Worship 10 a.m.
Sunday School 7 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7 p.m.

Abundant Life Tabernacle
Pastor Lyle Studer
211 Shellenbarger St.
Grayling, Mich.
Sunday Morning 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Night 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.

Grayling Baptist Church
Affiliated with S.B.C.
Pastor Terry Colby
Meeting at 501 Michigan Avenue
(517) 348-2557
Sunday Bible Study 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:45 p.m.
Wednesday Services 7 p.m.

AuSable Valley Church Of God
6330 Johnson - Frederic
Sunday School 10:15 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Service 7 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service 7 p.m.
Poduck Fellowship 2nd Sunday each month after morning service.

Free Methodist
Joseph Carpenter - Pastor
6652 W. Kalkaska Rd.
(M-72 West) Phone 348-5362
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Service 11 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday) 7 p.m.

Mt. Hope Evangelical Lutheran - Missouri Synod
Rev. Paul Boerger, Pastor
905 North I-75 Business Loop
Sunday School Bible Class 9 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

St. Francis' Episcopal
Vicar: The Rev. Derek J. Roy, Jr.
M-72 West-Office 348-5850
Rectory-348-2682
Sunday Holy Eucharist 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Morning Prayer Service 10:30 a.m.
(The second Sunday of each month)
Healing Services 5th Sunday of the month
Adult & Children's Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Sunday nursery provided 10:30 a.m.
Adult Choir Practice (Monday) ... 7 p.m.

St. Martins Ev. Lutheran (Weis)
Herbert R. Filter-Pastor
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Services held at the Roscommon Community Center, Sunday nights at 6:30 p.m., 510 South St., Roscommon, MI.

Luzerne Baptist
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Sunday Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

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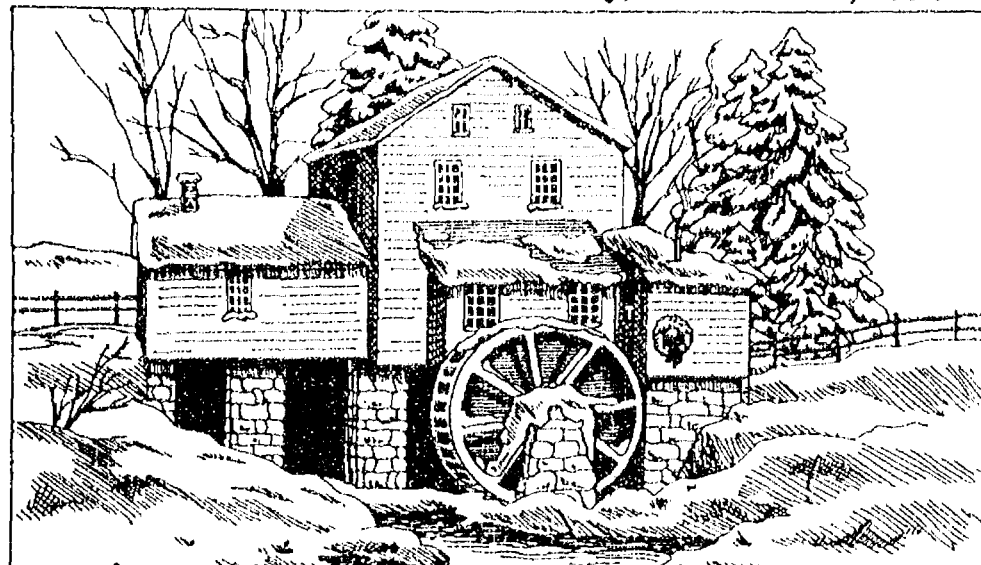
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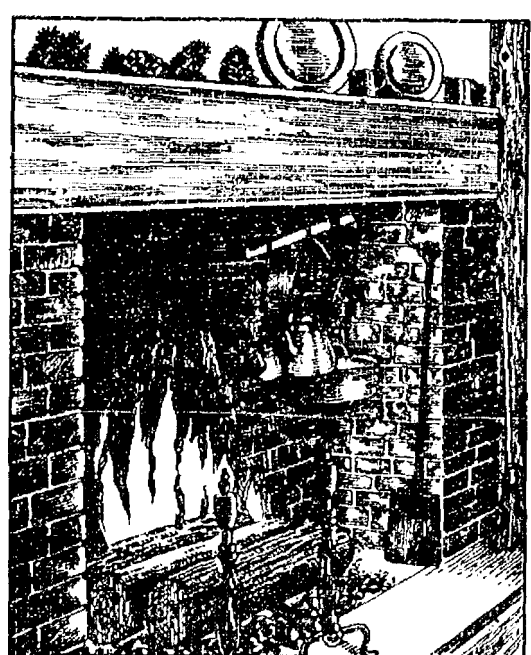
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SEASON'S GREETINGS

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As we throw another yule log on the fire, our thoughts are with the many fine folk we've had the privilege to know and serve this past year. May contentment and joy warm your heart this holiday season.

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Season's Greetings

Snacks for busy hostesses

Everyone loves to get together with family and friends around the holidays, but no one has the time to prepare for the get-togethers. These dip and snack recipes are created for people with limited time. Whether you're hosting the party or taking a snack to a party, you'll want to try all of these:

Shrimp Paté

3 tablespoons dry sherry
1/2 teaspoon tarragon
1 tablespoon lemon juice

Dash hot pepper
1 teaspoon mace
1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
1/4 pound butter, softened
1 pound cooked, shelled shrimp

Combine all ingredients except shrimp in blender. Blend with pulsing action, scraping down sides of container as needed until mixture is smooth. Add 3 or 4 shrimp at a time. Continue pulsing action until shrimp is coarsely chopped. Refrigerate. Serve with crackers. Makes 2 cups.

Cucumber Dip

1 6-oz. package of cream cheese
1/2 cup sour cream
1/4 cup cucumber, grated
2 tablespoons celery, chopped
1 tablespoon chopped onion
1/2 teaspoon lemon juice
1/2 teaspoon sugar

Peel and grate cucumber (not seeds). Drain off liquid. Combine grated cucumber with remaining ingredients. Process in blender until smooth. Chill and serve with favorite chips. Makes 1 3/4 cups.

Cheddar Cheese Bell

2 cups (8 ounces) shredded Cheddar cheese, at room temperature
1 package (3 ounces) cream cheese, softened
1/2 cup finely chopped salted peanuts
2 tablespoons minced red onion
1/8 teaspoon dill weed

Beat cheese until well blended. Stir in remaining ingredients. Chill one hour for ease in handling. Shape to form a holiday bell. Cover and chill one or two hours to blend flavors. Just before serving, insert a piece of green pepper in top for stem of bell.

Cottage Cheese Dip

1 1/2 cups cream style cottage cheese
1 teaspoon instant onion
1 1/2 teaspoons seasoned salt
1 teaspoon minced parsley

Mix until smooth with electric mixer or blender. Chill. Serve with vegetable sticks.

Cheese Spread

2 cups grated cheese
4 tablespoons chopped pimento
4 tablespoons milk
1 teaspoon worcestershire sauce
1/4 cup chopped nuts—optional
2 hard-boiled eggs—optional
1/4 teaspoon garlic powder—optional
1/2 cup salad dressing

Blend all ingredients and mix well. Serve on crackers, bread, buns or with vegetable relishes. Makes 3 cups.

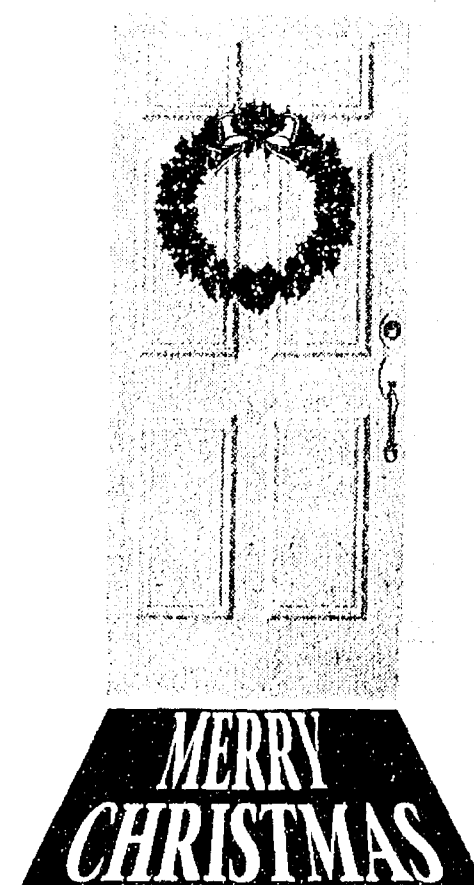
Holiday facts and fancies

Where did we get those holiday customs? The tradition of giving gifts during the holidays, for instance, probably began in ancient Rome and northern Europe. People gave each other small presents as part of their year-end celebrations.

The Christmas tree probably developed in medieval Germany from the

"Paradise Tree," a type of evergreen that was used in a popular Christmas play.

By 1605, many German families decorated their homes with evergreens for Christmas, trimming the trees with fruits, nuts, lighted candles and paper roses. The fresh smell of pine thus became a part of the home atmosphere during the holidays.



Share the Love

Happily we remember the anticipation and joy, warmth and wonder all wrapped up in a season of magic...Christmas!



Thanks for your friendship and good will.

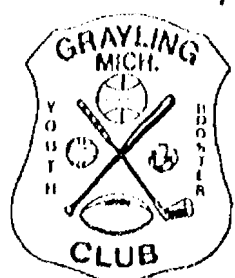
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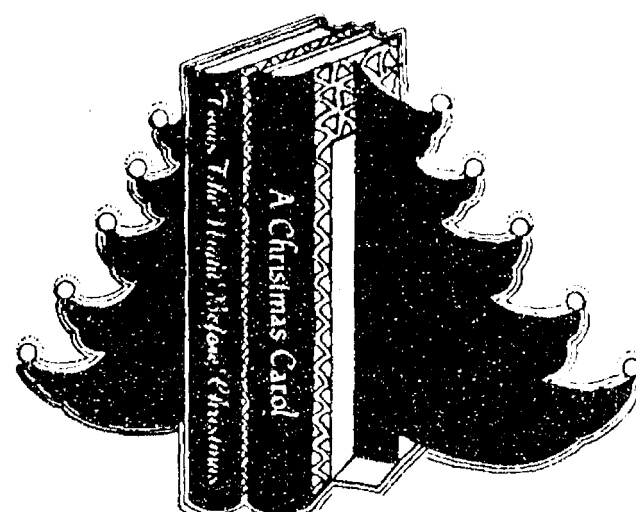
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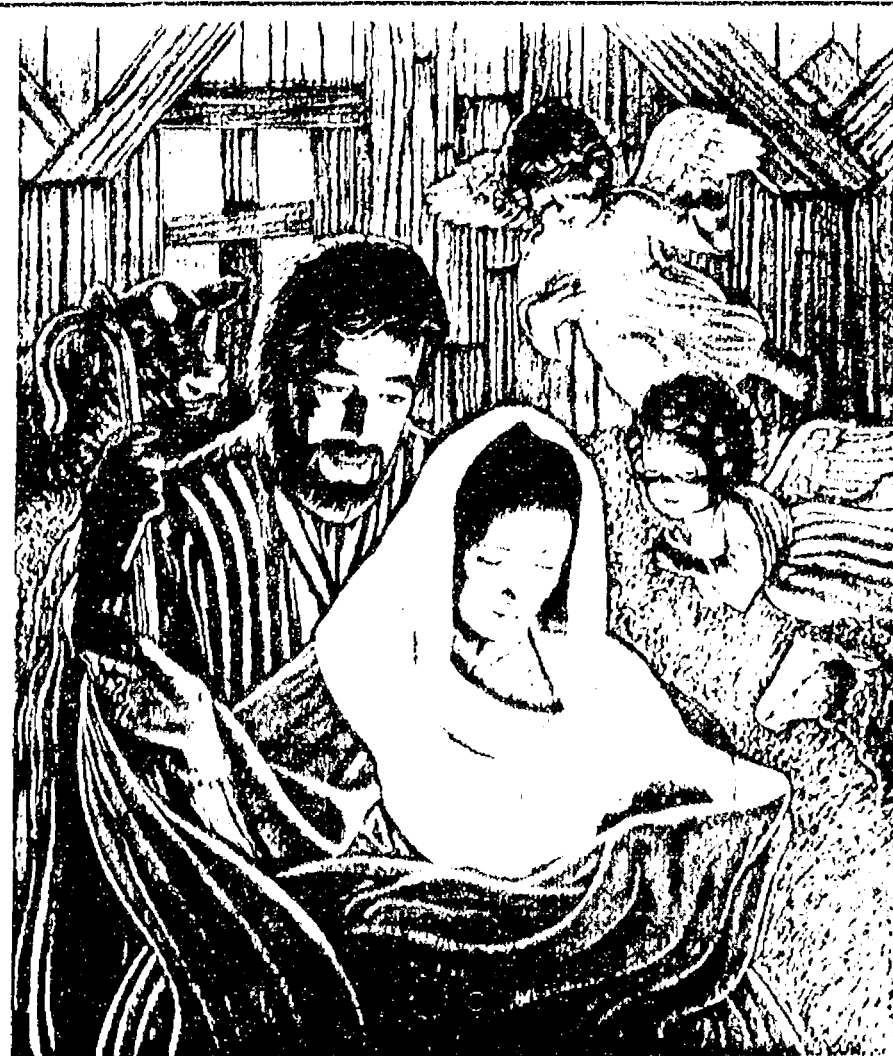
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We appreciate our many customers who celebrate reading as we do. A warm and festive season to all!

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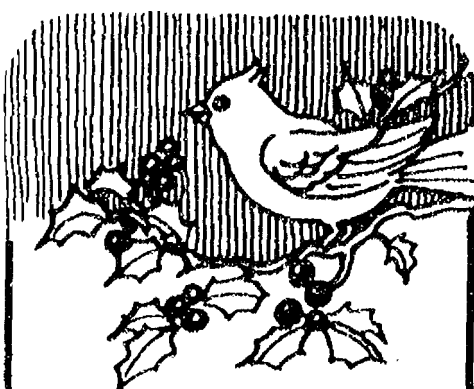
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REJOICE!

As we enter into this glorious season, our spirits are uplifted by warm thoughts of the many good people we've come to know. We're privileged to have this opportunity to wish you all a very joyous and happy holiday.

John, Kathy & Family
Superior Janitorial Service



Old-Fashioned Greetings To All



From The POTBELLY ANTIQUES

DNR wetlands poster reprinted

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has reprinted its wetlands poster, "Michigan Wetlands: A Heritage Worth Saving." The reprinting of this original color poster was made possible by Michigan citizens through their generous donations to the Nongame Wildlife Fund on their state income tax forms.

"The wetlands poster has been the most popular of the five posters in this series," DNR Director Roland Hammes

said. "We are pleased to be able to offer this poster again. It highlights the rich diversity and importance of the water-saturated soils in the wetland communities of marshes, swamps, bogs and vernal ponds."

Michigan's wetlands and their water corridors produce more plants and wildlife than any other habitat. More than 50 percent of the 2,300 native plants in Michigan grow in wetlands. Of these wetland plants, more than 25

percent are protected species.

"If you visit a wetland, you'll notice that many of the flowers and grasses grow in a blending of earth and water, sounds and smells," said Eve Rolandson, DNR nongame wildlife specialist. "Look for the unique growth adaptation of the dragon's mouth, or wild pink, with its dangling petals and yellow-streaked lower lip. Its profile is almost animal-like."

"Many adaptations are necessary to

a plant's survival," Rolandson continued, "such as the water-filled vases formed by the folded leaves of the pitcher plant. Insects are lured to this plant by its scent, are trapped in the water-filled vases, and soon provide nutrients to the plant."

"Michigan has lost 70 percent of its historical wetlands due to drainage, development and pollution, yet they can be reclaimed through understanding and protection," Rolandson said.

For a free wetlands poster, write to your local DNR office. Please include \$1 to cover shipping and handling costs.

The Grayling DNR Field Office is located at 1995 Hartwick Pines Road, Grayling, MI 49738.

Road Commission reminds home snow shovelers of road hazards

Property owners are reminded that piling snow high along roadways and shoulders, or pushing it to the opposite side of the street without clearing debris can cause hazardous conditions for motorists.

State law (P.A. 82 of 1978) prohibits businesses and citizens from dumping snow on roadways and shoulders, or piling it so high at driveway entrances that it obstructs the vision of motorists.

The Road Commission for Crawford County recommends residents keep the shoulder in front of their driveways clear, and also clear snow for a short

distance from the driveway in the direction of approaching traffic. That way, the view of a motorist entering the roadway from a driveway is not obstructed.

When clearing your driveway, push the snow away from the roadway and to the sides of the driveway for its full length and the problem of the high snow banks blocking a driver's view will be eliminated.

Large businesses should make special arrangements ahead of time to remove snow from their driveway entrances and driveways. In some

cases it may be necessary to truck snow away from parking facilities.

Violators leave themselves open to fines and lawsuits for public liability and property damage.

All property owners and persons hired to remove snow are responsible for maintaining safe traffic conditions and preventing careless snow-removal techniques.

For more information contact James Briney, managing director of the Crawford County Road Commission at 348-2281.

Musical productions return to schools

After many years of presenting dramas, musical productions of plays are once again part of the Crawford AuSable School District tradition.

One hundred twenty-five middle school and high school students have put much time and effort into the winter production of *A Christmas Carol*,

which is based on a story by Charles Dickens.

"It is so impressive to work with such a neat group of kids," said Bambi Mansfield, director of the production. "These kids not only have put in long hours, but they have also had to keep up their academics."

Mansfield, along with Shelley Tober, musical director, are excited about the fine arts departments of the middle school and high school working together. These two ladies are employed at both the middle school and the high school.

With energetic students and a quality team of directors, this Christmas musical promises to be a fine presentation. The performance begins Monday, Dec. 19, at 7 p.m. in the Joseph Stripe Auditorium and runs nightly through Dec. 22. Tickets are \$4, and are available at the door.



Where's Scrooge? They look like they're having too much fun for anyone to be Scrooge in this musical production of *The Christmas Carol*. The musical is being performed by middle school and high school students at 7 p.m. nightly until Dec. 22.

MESC offices to have shorter work weeks during holidays

All Michigan Employment Security Commission (MESC) offices will be closed for four days during the coming Christmas and New Year holidays.

MESC Director F. Robert Edwards said the agency's 54 branch offices across the state plus all of its smaller outreach locations will be closed on Friday and Monday, Dec. 23 and 26, for Christmas and on the following Friday and Monday, Dec. 30 and Jan. 2, for the New Year holiday.

Despite the three successive short work weeks, MESC expects no delays in issuing unemployment checks.

"Where necessary, our local staff will be working extra hours to ensure the timely processing of jobless benefits claims and mailing of unemployment checks," Edwards said.

On those days MESC offices are scheduled to be open, they will maintain their normal public office hours.

Rotary Club scholarship applications available

The Grayling Rotary Club will accept applications for its educational scholarship, from individuals who have completed one year of college. Application forms may be obtained from any Rotary member or from the Grayling High School Counseling Department.

Individuals may be awarded this scholarship only once. Applications should be mailed no later than Dec. 31, to the Grayling Rotary Club, P.O. Box 373, Grayling, MI 49738.

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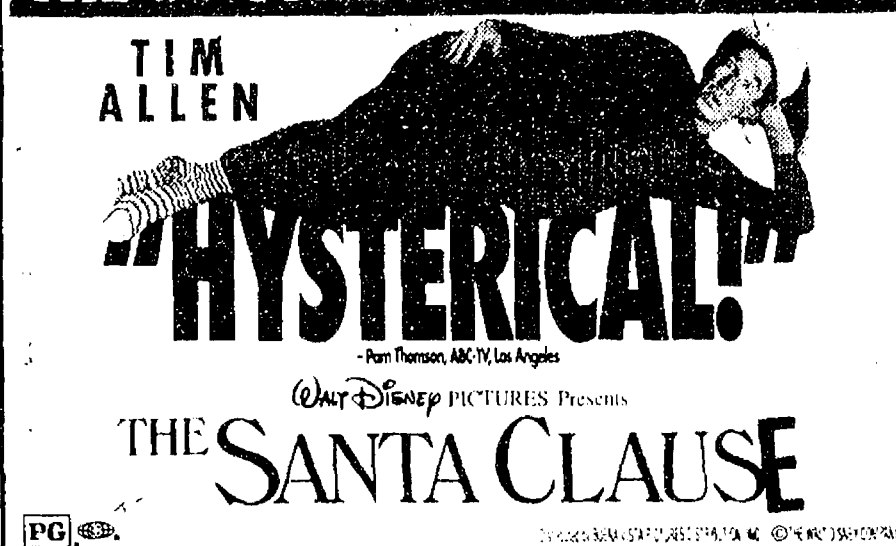
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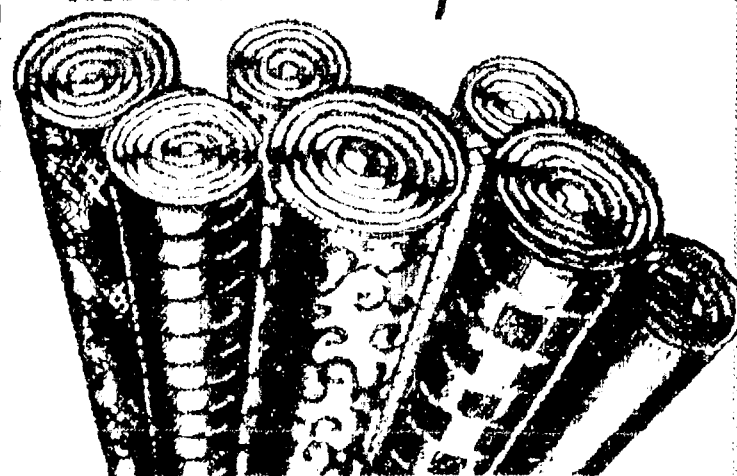
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Holiday baking easy as pie



(NAPS)—An old Irish tradition is fast becoming a popular holiday trend here in America.

Legend has it that a popular drink in the west of Ireland consisted of a dab of fresh cream dropped into whisky, stirred, shaken and tossed down.

This, many say, was the origin of Baileys Irish Cream (though it's also been attributed to a Dublin pub called "The Bailey," that was a favorite haunt of author James Joyce).

Here, the creamy delight is not only enjoyed out of glasses, but as a delightful addition to these two holiday recipes.

Baileys Original Irish Cream Macadamia Nut Pie

5 eggs
1 1/4 cups sugar
1/2 Tbsp. salt
6 oz. butter
1 cup corn syrup
6 oz. Baileys Original Irish Cream Liqueur
8 oz. chocolate chips
10 oz. macadamia nuts
1 9" pie shell

Using electric beaters, cream eggs, sugar, salt and butter in a bowl. Add corn syrup and Baileys Original Irish Cream. Stir in chocolate chips and macadamia nuts. Pour into pie shell. Bake at 300°F until brown, about 1 1/2-2 hours. Serves 8.

Another holiday treat to try is this Heavenly Mousse Pie.

Baileys Heavenly Mousse Pie

2 7-oz. chocolate bars with almonds
1 1/2 cups cream-filled chocolate cookies, coarsely crushed
1 1/2 cups graham crackers, coarsely crushed
1 1/2 cups Baileys Original Irish Cream Liqueur, divided
2 cups heavy cream

Melt the chocolate in a double boiler; set aside. Toss cookie and cracker crumbs together. Drizzle 1/4 cup Baileys over crumbs and mix with a fork. Press mixture into buttered 10-inch pie pan.

Whip the cream, fold in the chocolate mixture, then fold in remaining Baileys. Gently pour mixture into pie pan. Freeze four hours or overnight. Serves 8.

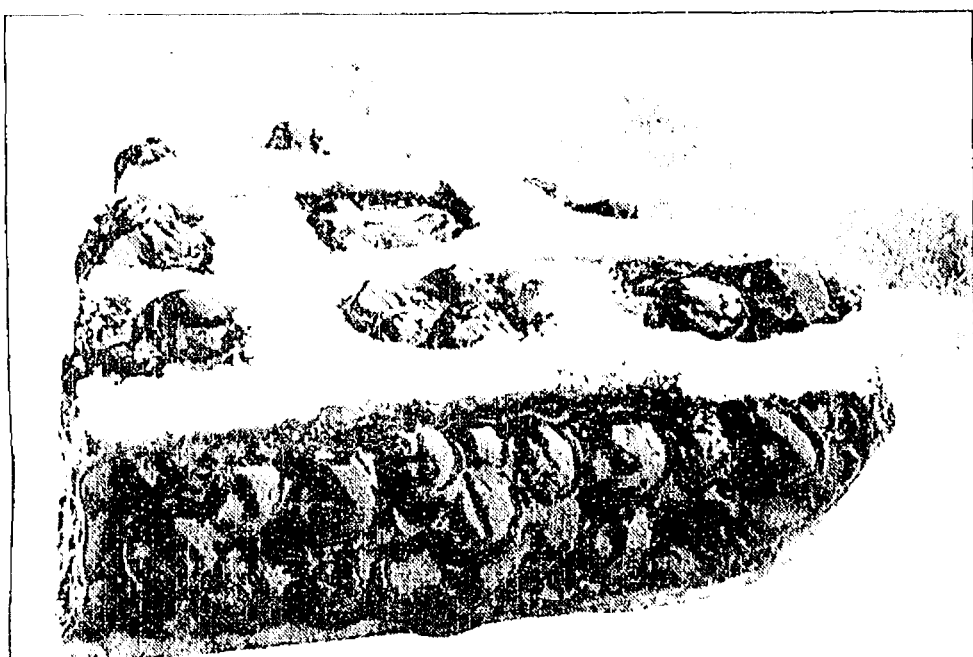
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Blueberry pie *holiday classic dessert*



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(NAPS)—Have a "berry, berry" Christmas! Baking a variety of delicious berry-filled desserts is a great way to ensure you'll always have a tasty treat on hand for the extra visitors you may face during this party-filled time of the year.

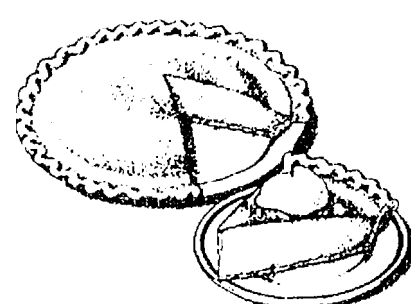
Classic Blueberry Pie Prep time: 10 min. Bake time: 40-50 min.

1 can (21 oz.) Thank You® Brand More Fruit Blueberry Filling
1 8-inch double pie crust
Line pan with rolled pie crust. Spread filling evenly in crust. Place vented or lattice-top crust over filling. Bake at 425°F for 10 minutes; reduce heat to 375°F and continue baking 30-40 minutes until golden brown. Serves 6 to 8.

Traditional pumpkin pie

(NAPS)—Holiday dinners and parties just wouldn't be the same for many of us without such favorite desserts as pumpkin pie. Happily, that traditional holiday treat is wonderfully quick and easy to make these days, thanks to easy-to-use baking products you'll find at local retailers.

Here's a new quick-and-easy recipe for that old-time holiday favorite.



Traditional Pumpkin Pie Prep: 10 min. Bake: 50-55 min.

1 (9-inch) unbaked pastry shell
2 cups Constock® Pure Pumpkin (one 16-oz. can)
1 (14-oz.) can sweetened condensed milk (NOT evaporated milk)
2 eggs
1 tsp. ground cinnamon
1/2 tsp. ground ginger
1/2 tsp. ground nutmeg
1/2 tsp. salt

Preheat oven to 425°F. In large mixing bowl, combine all ingredients except pastry shell; mix well. Pour into pastry shell. Bake 15 minutes. Reduce oven temperature to 350°F; bake 35 to 40 minutes longer or until knife inserted one inch from edge comes out clean. Cool. Garnish as desired. Refrigerate leftovers.

Classic apple pie *an American favorite*



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(NAPS)—Apples are a healthful fruit that make an excellent base for some of the most appreciated desserts.

Classic Apple Pie Prep time: 10 min. Bake time: 40-50 min.

1 can (21 oz.) Thank You® Brand More Fruit Apple Filling
1 8-inch double pie crust (for 9-inch pie shell, use two 21-oz. cans apple filling)
Line pie pan with rolled pie crust. Spread filling evenly in crust. Place vented or lattice-top crust over filling. Bake at 425°F for 10 minutes; reduce heat to 375°F and continue baking 30 to 40 minutes until golden brown. Serves 6 to 8.

Old St. Nick Had A Crick



'Twas the day before Christmas, but there was no cheer.
No jingle bells jingled, no sound of reindeer.
The word had got out that Santa was sick.
There'd be no friendly visit from a sick St. Nick.
The people were sad; no gaiety sounded.
For Christmas had come, but Santa was grounded.

He walked down the street, and what should he see?
On a sign was printed, **Dr. O. W. Dami**.
Now, Santa was not one to like a new tactic,
But all else had failed so he'd try chiropractic.
In a very short time, to judge by the clock,
He was in the adjustment room, talking to Doc.
It must be the hurry, the tension and all,
I simply can't seem to get on the ball.
Life used to be easy, just toys, guns and whistles.
Now I have to dodge fall - out, spaceships and missiles.
"And Doc, take a look at the size of this pack!
Have you any idea what it does to my back?"
Poor Santa was miserable; just barely able
With the help of the doctor, to get on the table.
The doctor was gentle. Without fuss or tussle
She examined the vertebrae and relaxed the muscles.
She spotted the trouble, and then with a click
Started aligning the ailing St. Nick.
And Santa felt aches and pains slipping away.
In no time at all he began feeling gay.
His cheeks were rosy with a new found glow,
And a healthy Kris Kringle was rarin' to go.
As he went out the door, he threw the receptionist a kiss.
Why, it had been centuries since he'd felt good as this!
Then once more he shouldered the bagful of toys.
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Merry Christmas

From the staff at the
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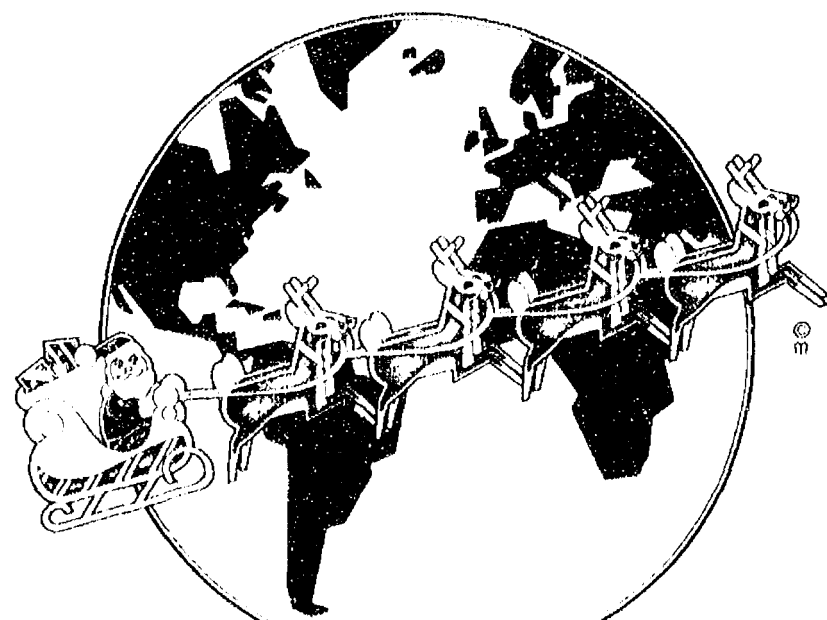


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Gates receives 'Angler of the Year' award

By Victor Edwards
Special to the Avalanche
Rusty Gates, is the *Fly Rod and Reel* (FRR), magazine 1994 "Angler of the Year." Unaware he had even been nominated for the award (called a Kudo) until FRR mailed him a Kudo candy bar and letter of congratulations, Gates is a long time Crawford County resident and the owner of the Gates AuSable Lodge and Pro Shop at Stephan Bridge.

The award was started in 1985 with the selection of Art Flick as its first recipient. Some other winners of this prestigious award are John Voelker in 1986, Dick May, Leon Chandler and Joan Wulff.

Gates' reaction to joining such an illustrious list of fly fishing legends? "Real tickled, it's quite an honor. It's national recognition for this area and for the club."

"The club" is the Anglers of the AuSable. Founded in January, 1987, Anglers is an affiliated chapter of the Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF). With over 500 members from 22 states and several foreign countries, the Anglers is a "non-profit corporation dedicated to the protection of the AuSable River, its watershed and environs."

The FRR Kudo Award for "Angler of the Year" is an individual award and Gates' nomination was submitted without his knowledge by fellow members of the Anglers.

A self-described conservationist, Gates is the club's president and says, "We broke the mold when we started the Angler's of the AuSable."

Gates, at age 39, is the youngest recipient of the "Angler of the Year" award in its 10-year history. His reply of "I paid my dues at an early age," only covers part of the why for his passion about the AuSable. For a complete explanation of the why, you have to turn to the AuSable, the river

that flows beside his home, flows beside his business and earns his livelihood.

The AuSable flows through the heart of Crawford County. In its wild stretches, the river's constant flow is nearly impervious to seasonal fluctuations because of the 1,200 square mile watershed that provides 85 percent of its water. Trying to describe the river with numbers to someone who has not seen it, is like telling a young bride a diamond is "just carbon." The statement may be accurate but it lacks scope.

Gates said he believes the river rarely fails to affect those who experience its scenic wonder. Even if someone's first visit occurs long after the onset of adulthood, the river's spell can be potent. For those who grow up with the river as their constant companion, the effect can be so profound that it shapes and defines their life. For many, especially those people with a life time under the river's spell, the AuSable flows not only through the geography of their external world, but through their hearts also.

No one who ever meets Rusty Gates doubts that the AuSable flows through his heart.

Rusty's father, Calvin H. Gates, Sr., was an avid fly fisherman, who first fished the AuSable "around '54 or '55." Calvin Sr. would bring his six children and the family's trailer to Canoe Harbor on the South Branch, for the whole month of June and the first half of July each summer. Even though during his youth Rusty viewed fly fishing as "just a hobby," the foundation was being laid for his adult life.

In 1970, when Rusty was a young teenager, Calvin Sr. quit his job as a school teacher in Oscoda, cashed in his pension, and sold almost everything else of value for the down payment on

what is now known as Gates' AuSable Lodge.

The previous owners had rented rooms and canoes. Under Calvin Sr.'s ownership, "the canoes were gone within the first two or three years."

Gates Lodge became an Orvis-affiliated fly shop in 1973. As the focus of the lodge shifted there was a profound shift in the type of guests. Fly fishing legends such as Schweibert, Borger, Swisher, Richards, Marinaro and others became familiar faces. Rusty was in his late teens and early 20s during this period and getting a Ph.D. level education in fly fishing.

In 1980, Rusty began the process of buying his father out. The untimely death of Calvin Sr. in 1983, accelerated the process. Cal Sr. left a huge legacy of caring for the river. Barely in his late 20s at the time, Rusty faced huge expectations from those who had known his father. They also had more than a little doubt about whether he would live up to their expectations.

He apparently did. For Rusty it was about getting involved. "I don't ride the fence. There are two sides to any issue and you pick a side and go with it."

And go with it he did. The issues Rusty became (and remains to this day) involved with cover every aspect of the river's watershed and fish. In spite of bitter opposition in some quarters, a "flies only, catch and release required" section on the main branch of the AuSable came about in the 8-

mile "Holy Water" section, due in large part to his efforts. He also helped found the Anglers of the AuSable and took on those who polluted his air and water. He also serves on the AuSable Watershed Restoration Committee, a 36-member group, which recently secured an Environmental Protection Agency grant of \$100,000, renewable for up to three years, to control erosion throughout the AuSable's watershed.

But he's quick to point out it wasn't a solo effort. "There are a tremendous number of people who care very deeply about the river."

With all the issues he is involved in, a full time business and now a national award, the strongest note of pride in his voice seems to be when he says "and I still fished 150 days."

He enthusiastically recommends that anyone wanting to learn to fly fish, "Do it! For less than \$150 to get started, just do it. Especially if you live up here, go during the week." With a laugh he adds that you, "don't need to know Latin."

The most important point for him is to, "let the fishing be a big part of it and the catching a little part of it."

He also recommends that anglers practice catch and release, an idea he's worked hard to promote.

And he feels there is still much to do. There are, "so many people out there who should be involved. They have the talent, ideas, concepts and abilities... what it is... is being committed enough to go after it."

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JoAnn Hoke of Houghton Lake: David Broderick Shepard, Dec. 7, 1994, 9 lbs., 12.5 ozs.

Joseph and Katherine Cusick of Johannesburg: Victoria Marie, Dec.

6, 1994, 9 lbs.

Shawn Glance: Autumn Lynn, Dec. 6, 1994, 8 lbs., 7.5 ozs.

Brian and Peggy Vaughn of Houghton Lake: Jonathon, Dec. 5, 1994, 10 lbs., 0.4 ozs.

Billy and Judy Elliott of Harrison: Marissa Kay, Dec. 1, 1994.

Ralph and Julie Lafferty of Fife Lake: Laura Ann, Dec. 9, 1994, 7 lbs., 13 ozs.

DISTRICT COURT

Richard Duane Shurter, Jr., 41, of Grayling, pled guilty to Count I-OUIL, and was fined \$640 or 60 days, placed on six months probation, plus his license was suspended six months, and Count II-Attempt Flee and Elude, and was fined \$240 or 30 days in jail.

He was cited June 17, 1994, by the Sheriff Dept.

David Scott McCumby, 31, demanded a preliminary exam to Count I-Resist and Obstruct Officer, and Count II-Illegal Entry. A \$2,500 cash or surety bond was set.



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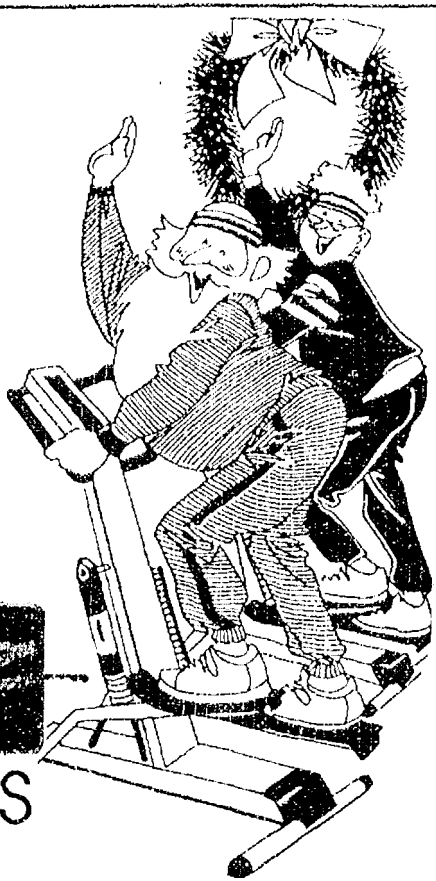
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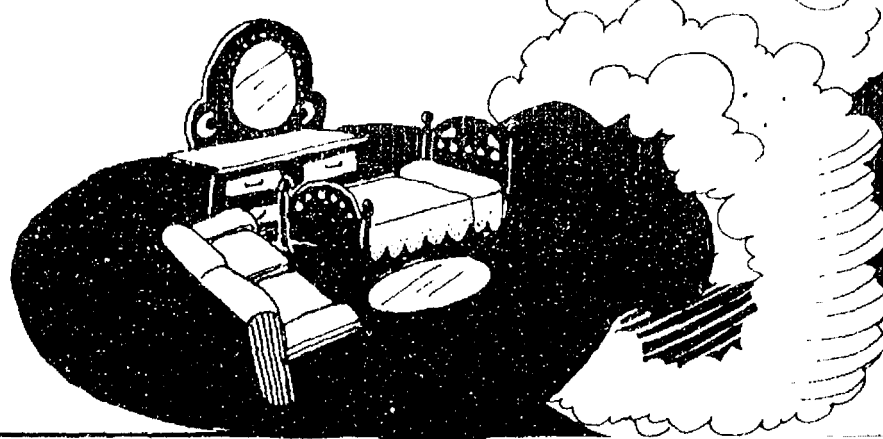
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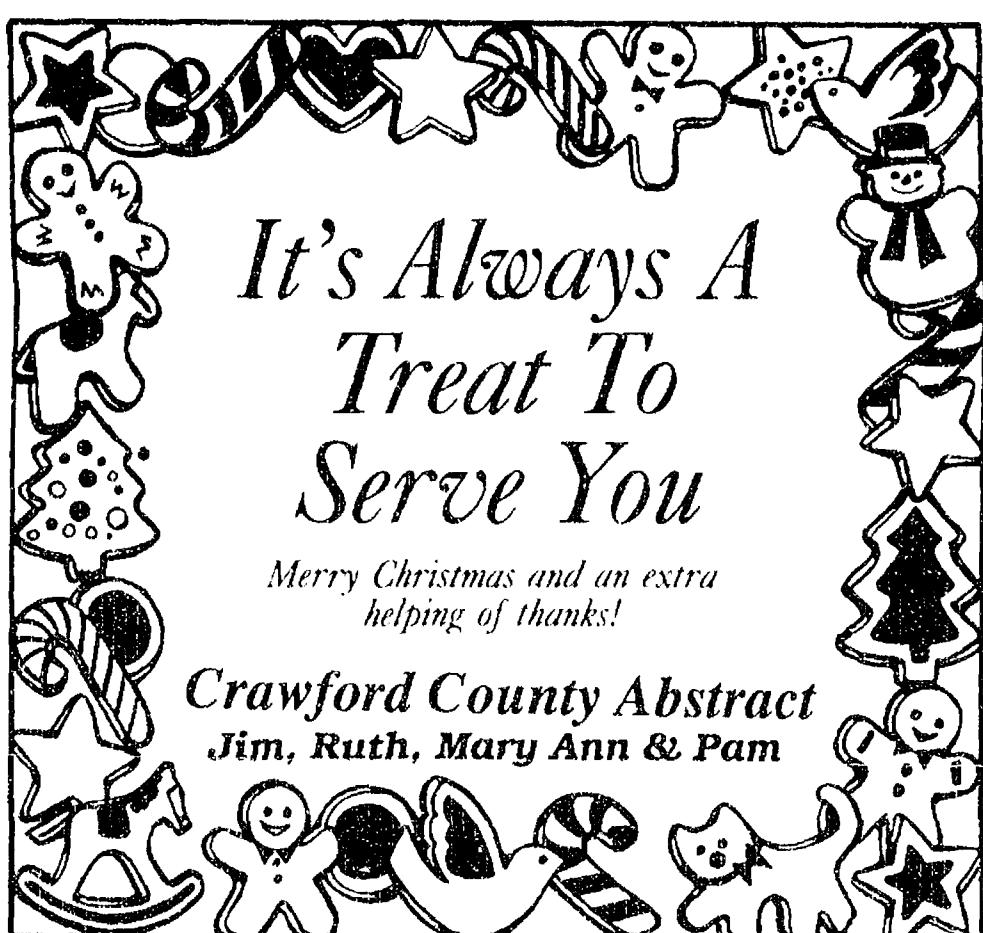
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Crawford County Abstract
Jim, Ruth, Mary Ann & Pam



Season's Greetings

Christmas cookie recipes

One of the best traditions of Christmas is making Christmas cookies with the kids. Getting flour all over their faces and clothes is a memory that will stay with them for many years to come. This year try some of these delicious recipes:

Sugar Cookies

2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 cup butter, softened
1 cup sugar
1 large egg
1 1/2 teaspoons grated
lemon peel
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
Optional:
Icing
Decorative sprinkles

Combine flour and salt in bowl. Beat butter and sugar in mixer bowl until light and fluffy. Beat in egg, lemon peel and vanilla. Beat in dry ingredients until combined. Cover and refrigerate overnight.

Preheat oven to 350°F. Grease four cookie sheets. Divide dough into quarters. Roll one quarter between two sheets of waxed paper 1/8-inch thick.

Keep remaining dough refrigerated. With floured cookie cutters, cut into desired shapes. Bake eight to nine minutes, until edges are golden. Cool on wire racks. Repeat with remaining dough. Decorate with icing or sprinkles if desired.

Makes 7 dozen.

Anise Pizzelles

3 1/2 cups unsifted all-purpose flour
1 1/2 cups sugar

1 cup butter or margarine, melted
4 teaspoons baking powder
6 large eggs
1 bottle (1 ounce) anise extract
1/2 teaspoon lemon extract

Preheat 5-inch pizzelle iron according to manufacturer's directions.

Beat all ingredients at low speed until well blended. Spoon a heaping tablespoonful of mixture onto center of pizzelle iron (or use amount recommended by manufacturer); cover and bake until golden brown, about 30 seconds. Lift cover; with fork, carefully loosen pizzelle. Place on wire rack to cool. Repeat with remaining batter.

Makes about 4 1/2 dozen.

Butterscotch-Cream Bells

2 cups unsifted all-purpose flour
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup butter or margarine, softened
1/3 cup granulated sugar
1 large egg
1 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract

Filling
1/2 package (3-ounce size) cream cheese, softened
3/4 cup confectioner's sugar
2 tablespoons light brown sugar
1 teaspoon molasses

1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 square (1 ounce) semisweet chocolate, melted

Preheat oven to 350°F. Grease two large baking sheets; set aside.

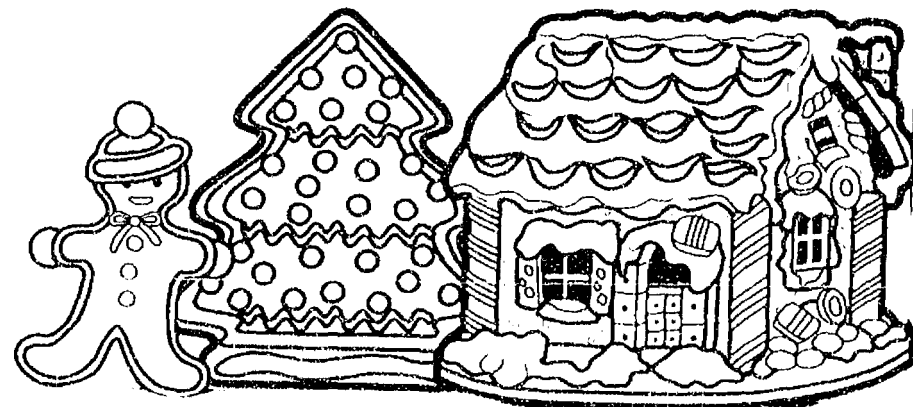
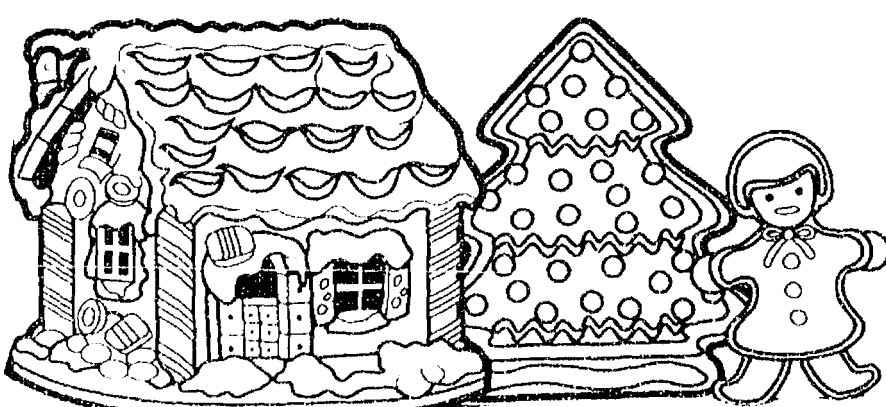
Make cookies: On sheet of waxed paper, combine flour, baking powder and salt; set aside. In large bowl, beat sugar and butter until light and fluffy. Beat in egg and vanilla until blended. Stir in flour mixture until blended.

On lightly floured surface, with lightly floured rolling pin, roll dough to 1/8-inch thickness. Using a 2-inch bell-shape cutter, cut out cookies. Place one inch apart on prepared baking sheets. Bake 12 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool on wire racks.

Make filling: In small bowl of electric mixer, at medium speed, beat cream cheese until smooth. Beat in confectioner's sugar, brown sugar, molasses and vanilla until blended. With metal spatula, spread bottom of each of half the cookies with filling, dividing evenly; top each with flat side of remaining cookie.

With spoon, drizzle melted chocolate over one side of each cookie-sandwich, dividing evenly. Set aside until chocolate hardens.

Makes about 30.



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- ❖ A time to sing God's many praises in hymns and psalms;
- ❖ In these modern times, it's good to remember;
- ❖ The gentler days of past Decembers;
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Wrestler muscles continue to flex

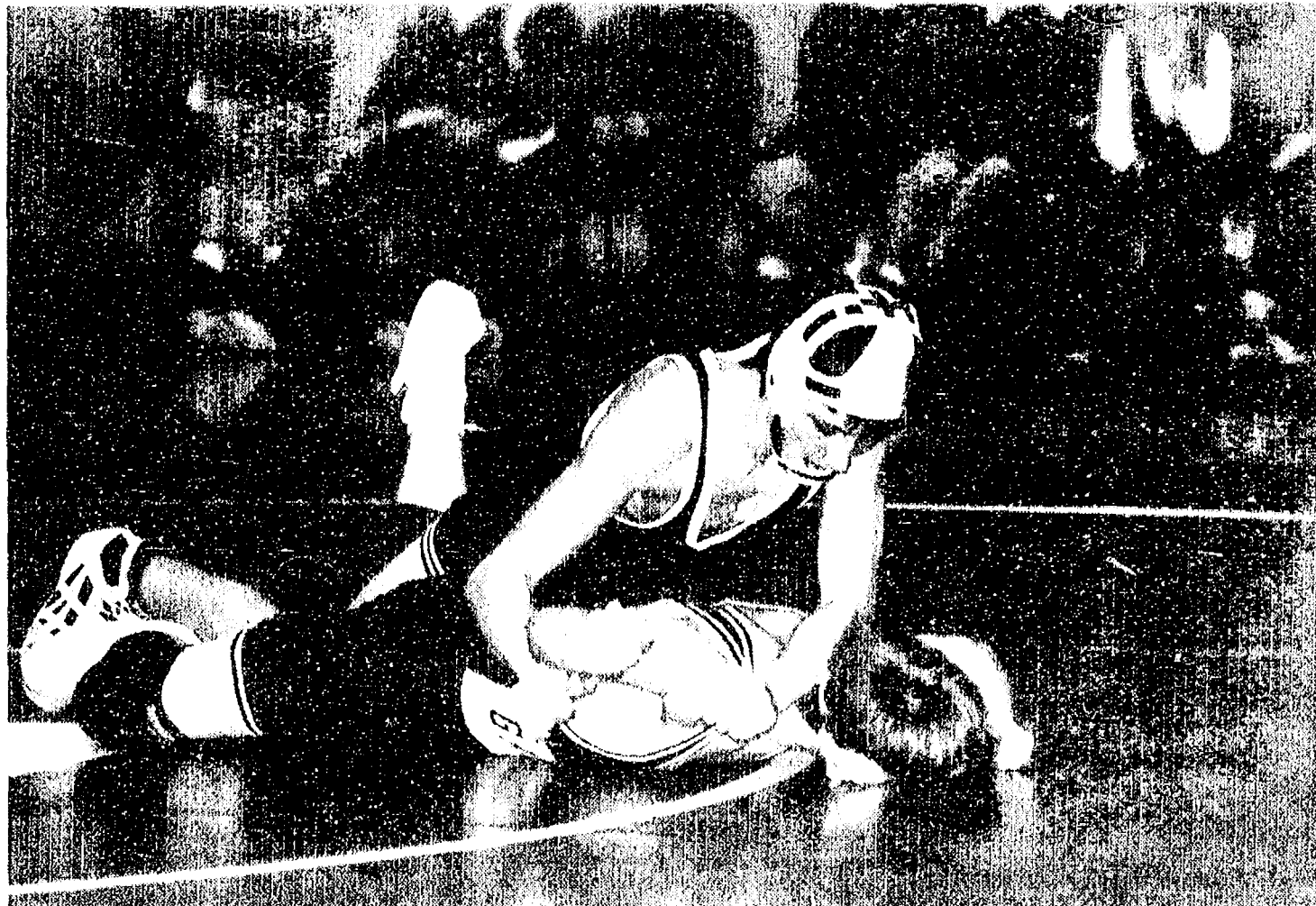
By Terry Wright
News Editor

The Grayling Viking wrestling team traveled to Mason County Central High School on Saturday, Dec. 17 to compete against 15 other teams from across the state. The Vikings finished the invitational tournament in third place behind teams from Allendale and Hesperia, but crowned one champion and brought home six medals.

Senior heavyweight Andy Langowski continued his perfect record capturing the overall championship. Other Viking medalists were; finishing third sophomore Dana Beckwith (100-pounds), sophomore Will Miller (160), and junior Dale Kniss (215). Bringing home fourth place medals were freshman Danielle Dushane (106), and freshman David Shepherd (112).

On Wednesday, Dec. 15, the Vikings hosted teams from Gaylord and Houghton Lake. The Blue Devils of Gaylord were able to slip past the Vikings, 38-33, while Grayling downed Houghton Lake by a 54-18 score.

Winning both matches were Beckwith, Shepherd, sophomore Jason Hall (142), freshman Joe Medeiros (172), Kniss and Langowski. Winning one of two matches were sophomore Eddie Davis (126), sophomore Josh



IN A TOUGH SITUATION--Viking wrestler David Shepherd has his Gaylord opponent down and nearly out. Shepherd, wrestling at 112-pounds, went on to win the match and claim the medal in the dual match with Gaylord and Houghton Lake.

Taylor (151), and Miller.

Sporting a perfect, 11-0, record, Langowski was the repeat recipient of Viking Coach Don Ferguson's "Viking of the Week," award.

"We've been steadily improving," said Ferguson. "We have to continue with our conditioning and get our moves down."

Although the Vikings will continue to train, their next match is not until Thursday, Jan. 5, after the winter break, when they travel to Petoskey to take on the tough Northmen.

Winter Wolf Triathlon has new face for 1995 games

The winter wolf wears a new face for 1995; a face that has grown ferocious and rugged with age. His eyes reflect defiance and confidence and his slight, curl-lipped snarl as much as say, "Come and get me — if you think you can."

The new face of the winter wolf is the new look of the triathlon of kayaking, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing known as the Winter Wolf Challenge.

The Winter Wolf Challenge will be held throughout the weekend of Jan. 28-29, for those rugged competitors — who think they can.

New for 1995 are separate divisions of competition. The Junior Division is for athletes 14 to 18-years old. The Classic Division will include racers 19 to 49-years old, and the Masters Division will pit together those competitors 50-years old and up.

In the kayak event, on Saturday, Jan. 28, the juniors and masters will race from Ray's Canoes to Penrod's Canoe Livery and back. Classic division racers will race from Ray's to the I-75 Bridge and back, a significant increase in distance from last year's event.

On Sunday, Cross-Country skiers

will compete on a hilly five kilometer course at Hanson Hills recreation area. After a short rest they will exchange their skis for snowshoes across a rugged three kilometer course.

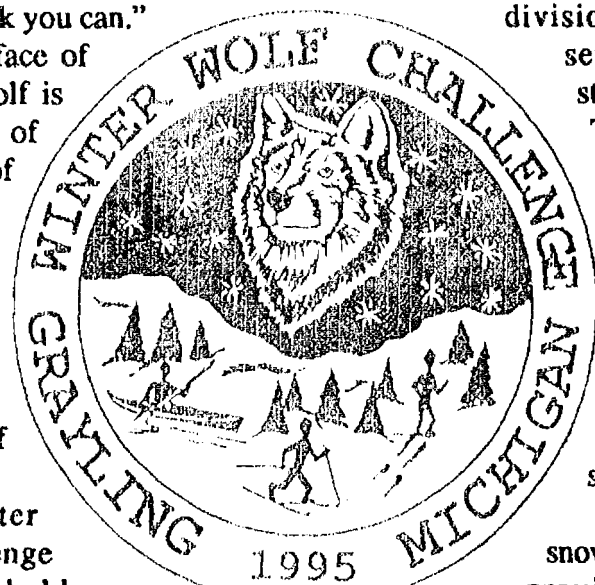
In all legs of the triathlon, divisions will be separated by starting times. The kayak races will use staggered starts while the skiing and snowshoeing races will include mass starts.

Kayaks and snowshoes will be provided to entrants, but cross-country skiers must provide their own equipment. Racers not starting all three events will be disqualified from receiving any awards.

Generous cash prizes will be awarded to the top three male and female competitors in the classic and masters divisions. Junior division winners will receive trophies.

All entrants will receive an official, forest green, long-sleeved T-shirt bearing the 1995 Winter Wolf Challenge logo.

Entry forms for the 1995 Winter Wolf Challenge can be obtained at the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce, at PO Box 406, Grayling, MI 49738, or by phoning (517) 348-2921, or 1-800-937-8837.



Grayling netters have big 2-1 week

By Linda Denton
Staff Writer

The Grayling Viking Volleyball team is off to a great start of the new season with a 2-1 record.

Coach Becky Brown said, "It could easily been 3-0. We made some mental errors playing Roscommon that cost us."

In Volleyball, the Vikings play three games against their opponents. The team who wins two out of the three games wins the match.

The Vikings travelled to Harrison Monday, Dec. 19 planning to defeat them.

"We went there physically and mentally prepared to take the first two games," said Coach Brown, "and we did." The Vikings defeated Harrison in the first two games with scores of 15-9 and 15-13, winning the match.

Monica Lawrence, junior, led the Harrison game with seven serves, while adding two spikes and 14 passes. Jessica St. Germain, sophomore, also contributed seven serves, one spike and 12 passes. Carol Lanczy, senior, was a consistent player throughout the week. Lanczy held steady with six serves, three spikes and 13 passes against Harrison.

The play against Gaylord on Thursday, Dec. 15 was exciting with the Vikings winning the third game in overtime. The Viking netters showed



The Grayling High School Varsity Volleyball Team

how tough they can be when they came back after losing the first game 11-15 to win the final two games 15-12, 17-15 and claim the match.

"It was exciting volleyball," said Coach Brown.

Carol Lanczy played a strong game

against Gaylord with 22 serves, 11 spikes and 21 passes. Monica Lawrence, a consistent server all week, hit 10 serves, nine spikes and 14 passes. Amy Neal, junior, hit 8 serves, 18 spikes and 24 passes in the exciting game against Gaylord.

The Vikings dominated Roscommon during the first game of the sea-

son opener on Wednesday, Dec. 14. The Vikings won the first game with a score of 15-2. The Vikings went on to lose the final two games 12-15 and 4-15.

"We learned the hard way that you have to maintain focus and mental toughness to win," said Coach Brown.

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What kind of tough-guy challenges the Wolf?

What kind of person does it take to meet the challenge of a winter triathlon of rugged outdoor events?

Steven Corlew, 13, son of Jim and Dalene Corlew of Grayling, thinks he knows what it takes. As one of the first entrants in the 1995 Winter Wolf Challenge Junior division, Steven thinks he has the right stuff to meet and conquer the challenge.

Steven is an accomplished cross-country skier, having raced in the junior VASA, Beaver Creek Challenge, the White Pine Stampede and the Michigan Cup Marathon. He is counting on that experience to help him conquer the five kilometer, hilly course of the Winter Wolf Challenge.

"I've done pretty good in cross-country skiing," Steven said. "I've been in the top 10 in the junior divisions of some races."

Steven is also no stranger to paddling on the AuSable River, although his experience in a kayak he says, is very limited.

The kayak leg of the triathlon, for Steven's division, will start at Ray's Canoes and race downstream to Penrod's Canoe Livery, go around a

mid-stream buoy and sprint back to Ray's against the current.

The kayak race doesn't worry Steven, he said he knows he can do it in a decent time, but the snowshoe event has him wondering.

He said he expects to complete the cross-country skiing course in about 20 minutes, but has no idea how long it will take to run three kilometers on snowshoes.

"I've never snowshoed before and I'll probably fall a lot," he said. "Maybe I'll be okay if I practice."

Although Steven, an eighth-grader in the Grayling Middle School, is only 13-years old, and the junior division of the 1995 Winter Wolf Challenge is for athletes from 14 to 18-years old, Steven will turn 14 before the Jan. 28-29 event.

He doesn't know of any other students that have entered, but said a lot of his friends and classmates have talked about entering and he hopes they do.

"I'd like to win," he said, "but, I'm in it for the fun, the competition and the challenge."

Hunting & Fishing Weekly Update

THE 1994 BLACK POWDER DEER HUNTING SEASON IS NOW PAST HISTORY--with, I think, a light kill. Now all there is left is about two weeks of bow season. Any time now, the rabbit hunting should get good. With just a little snow you can still get around.

Ice fishing seems to be happening all around. If you want to start ice fishing, it is not too expensive to get started. You need something to make a hole in the ice, either a spud or an auger. You also need a scoop to clean out the ice, a jig or two and a rod to fish with, and of course some warm clothes.



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POOL LEAGUE

Crawford Pool League
Dec. 12

Swamp II	107-73
Weyerhaeuser	107-73
Frederic Inn	94-86
Plaza	93-87
Red Barn I	87-93
Red Barn II	79-101
Spikes	77-103
Holiday Inn	76-104

23 years ago in sports Dec. 23, 1971

Winding up their pre-holiday basketball schedule, last week, the Grayling Vikings split in two Northern Lower Michigan League games, losing to the Blue Blazers at Kalkaska, 79-68, Tuesday night, and then took the measure of the Manclona Ironmen on their own court Friday, 86-60.



Holiday Inn Viking PLAYERS OF THE WEEK




ANDY LANGOWSKI
After 11 matches, Andy remains undefeated in Grayling Viking heavy-weight wrestling.



BEN CROZE
In two basketball games last week, Croze averaged 19 rebounds, 23.5 points and 6.5 blocked shots.



CAROL LANCZY
Carol sparked the offense with full serving, spiking and a steady presence in defense.



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Cookies of the month

December is the month for making cookies, but don't make the same recipes every year. Here are four new recipes that are sure to be crowd pleasers. Try one today!

Pistachio Wreaths

3 large egg whites, at room temperature
1/4 teaspoon cream of tartar
2/3 cup sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/4 teaspoon almond extract
1/4 cup finely chopped pistachios
About 10 candied red cherries, slivered

Preheat oven to 200°F. Line two large baking sheets with parchment paper; set aside.

Beat egg whites, cream of tartar and 1/8 teaspoon salt until soft peaks form when beaters are raised. At

medium speed, beat in sugar, 2 tablespoons at a time, beating well after each addition. At high speed, beat until stiff peaks form when beaters are raised. Beat in vanilla and almond extracts until blended.

Spoon mixture into pastry bag fitted with medium star tip, pipe into 2-inch-wide rings one inch apart on prepared baking sheets. Sprinkle rings with pistachios, dividing evenly. Garnish with candied cherries. Bake one hour, or until set. Turn off oven; leave cookies in oven until dry, about one hour. Remove cookies to wire rack to cool completely. Makes about 40.

Stained Glass Windows

1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg

1/2 cup margarine or butter
1 cup sifted powdered sugar
4 hard-cooked egg yolks, cut up
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup diced mixed candied fruits and peels

In a medium bowl, stir together flour and nutmeg; set aside. In a large mixer bowl, beat margarine or butter with an electric mixer on medium until softened. Gradually beat in sugar. Beat in egg yolks, lemon juice and vanilla. Stir in flour mixture and fruit. Shape into an 11-inch-long log, two inches in diameter. Wrap in clear plastic wrap and chill for four hours or overnight.

Unwrap; cut into 1/8-inch-thick slices, wiping and wetting knife between cuts. Place on an ungreased cookie sheet. Bake in a 325°F oven about 10 minutes or until edges are light brown. Remove and cool on a wire rack. Makes about 48 cookies.

Caramel Acorns

2 3/4 cups unsifted flour
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1 cup butter or margarine, softened
3/4 cup firmly packed light brown sugar
3 large egg yolks
1 1/2 cups finely chopped walnuts or pecans
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/2 lb. caramels

Heat oven to 350°F. Mix flour with baking powder on a sheet of waxed paper; set aside. In large bowl

beat butter, sugar and egg yolks at medium speed until smooth and fluffy. Stir in 1/2 cup chopped nuts, the vanilla and flour mixture until blended.


Roll 1 heaping teaspoonful of dough into a ball for each cookie. With your fingers pinch dough to form a rounded point, and shape dough to resemble an acorn. With point side up, place acorns one inch apart on ungreased baking sheets. Bake 12 minutes or until golden brown. Cool acorns on wire racks.

Place remaining chopped nuts on sheet of waxed paper and set aside. In top of double boiler placed over hot water, or in a small saucepan over low heat, melt caramels in 1/4 cup water, stirring until blended. Remove from heat and dip the large end of cookies into caramel and then into chopped nuts. Place on waxed paper until caramels harden. Store cookies covered in the refrigerator. Makes about 6 dozen.

Christmas trivia


"Oh, Christmas Tree..." Thousands of years ago people in Egypt, Rome and England decorated trees to celebrate the beginning of winter. But, according to *Ranger Rick* magazine, it was not until 400 years ago that people in Germany decorated the first trees to celebrate Christmas. Then, on Christmas day in 1747, some German settlers in Bethlehem, Pa., decorated trees for their children. These were probably the first Christmas trees in America.

"One berry, one kiss," wrote American author Washington Irving about mistletoe. But *National Wildlife* magazine reports that the custom of kissing under the mistletoe goes back much further than the 19th century. According to Norse mythology, the Goddess Frigga made the plant a symbol of love and promised to bestow a kiss on all who passed under it.



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Vike hoopsters roll over Elk Rapids Elks, Onaway Cards

By Terry Wright
News Editor

The Grayling High School boys' varsity basketball team continued its winning way last week, notching victories over the Elk Rapids Elks, 76-64, and the Onaway Cardinals, 75-59.

On Friday, in its Great Northern Conference, Huron Division opener, the Vikings made quick work of the Cardinals, opening a 7-point, first quarter lead, then cruising to the 75-59 win.

"Our kids played well at times," Coach Rich Moffit said. "We need to continue to improve, especially at the defensive end."

The Vikings were led in scoring by senior Shane Hinkle who poured in 28 points. He was followed by senior Ben Croze who hit 21 points. Senior Scott Longendyke and junior Chris Kucharek each added 7 points. Junior Jason Thompson hit 6 points and scoring 2 points each were senior Chris Jones and juniors Joe Godlewski and Corey Northrop.

Croze pulled down 18 rebounds to lead his team, while Jones led with 12 assists. Croze also blocked 5 shots.

On Tuesday, the Vikings visited Elk Rapids and stole the 76-64 victory from the stubborn Elks.

At the end of the third period the

Vikings trailed the Elks by a 53-45 score, but rallied for a huge 31-point fourth quarter, while allowing their opponents just 11 points.

"We played with a lot of poise down the stretch," Moffit said. "We outscored E.R. 36 to 11 during the last 12 minutes of the game. We played some outstanding basketball."



Croze again led the rebounders collecting 20 boards and blocking 8 opponent shots. Jones led in assists with nine.

For his two outstanding games, Croze was again named "Viking of the Week."

The Vikings opened their home performances on Tuesday, Dec. 20 when they entertained the Petoskey Northmen in the GHS gymnasium.

After the annual Christmas break, the Vikings continue play on Tuesday, Jan. 3, when they entertain the Boyne City Ramblers.

Rollerblade Hockey League is off and running

Rollerblade Hockey is a new sport offered by the Grayling Recreational Authority. Interest in a league seemed slow at first with just one student registering the first week, but then interest mounted and now there are 56 students signed up to play.

Dan Wyers, director of the GRA, said there is a big range of ages from kindergarten to sixth grade. Players must provide their own helmets, knee and elbow pads, skates and wrist pads. Play It Again Sports in Traverse City provided a deal for the players when purchasing equipment.

Currently, there is an instructional league for children in kindergarten to third grade that is sponsored by Showtime Collision. The instructional league doesn't play any official games, but they do have a scrimmage after their lessons.

There are four other teams on the Rollerblade Hockey League. The players are in the fourth to sixth grades. Saturday, Dec. 17 was the first official game. Chemical Bank North's Redwings defeated Dr. Barry Fenn's Maple Leaves. City Park Cito's Black Hawks lost to the American Legion Lounge's Sharks.

The league had been practicing for just a week before their first game. Now the teams will be on break until Saturday, Jan. 7. The games are held at the Hanson Hills Museum gym on Saturdays, starting at 9 a.m.

GRAYLING RECREATION AUTHORITY

Women's Volleyball League	
Mercy Hospital	4-0
Grayling Car Care	3-1
The Fun Team	2-2
Bloomquist Spikers	1-3
Mercy Hospital North	0-4

Youth Indoor Rollerblade Hockey League	
Chemical Bank North Red Wings	1-0
American Legion Lounge Sharks	1-0
Citipark Cito Black Hawks	0-1
Barry Fenn DDS Maple Leafs	0-1

Kindergarten through third grade instructional, Showtime Collision Saturday, Jan. 7, at 9 a.m. All games are played at Hanson Hills.

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BOWLING LEAGUE

Recreation League

Scheer Motors	38-18
Glen's	32-24
Peterson Saw	30-26
Cornell	29-27
Mickey Perez CPA	27-29
North Country R.V.	26-26
Terry's Sport Center	22-34
Mark 8	20-36

High Game: S. Hinds, 190, J. Michal, 1, Dellar, 180, D. Armstrong, 176. High Series: S. Noeske, 478, L. Dellar, 468, M. Ginter, 461.

Northwood League

Patti's Towne House	36
Econo Cuts	36
Riches Cycle	35-5
Burger King	34
Stitch-in-Time	29
Helsel Bros.	28-5
Subway	24
Goodale's Bakery	17

High Game: M. Miller, 215, S. France, 191, P. D'Amour, S. Ritter, 173. High Series: M. Miller, 542, S. France, 509, C. Brush, 449.

National League

Carquest	34.5-21.5
Moore's Automotive	31-25
Guns & Grub	31-25
Budweiser	30-26
Frederic Inn	28.5-27.5
Spikes	26.5-29.5
Suttles	26-30
Georgia Pacific Resin	17.5-38.5

High Game: D. Canfield, 224, R. Flowers, 212, J. Prosser, 210. High Series: D. Canfield, 602, T. Kotrash, 546, S. Prosser, 545.

Senior Citizens Bowling League

Totten's Body Shop	38-22
Baynham's Forest Products	37.5-22.5
Buccilli's Pizza	34-26
Sylvester's Sports	34-26
Larry & Joan's Place	33-27
Flowers By Josie	26-34
Cornell Realty	20.5-39.5
Century 21	17-43

Men's High Game: F. Krolkowski, 191, P. Mead, 184, H. Ingram, 182. Men's High Series: H. Ingram, 523, P. Mead, 514, G. Wolfe, 508.

Women's High Game: A. Kuszak, 203, R. Joyce, 182, J. Miller, 167. Women's High Series: A. Kuszak, 506, R. Joyce, 478, J. Kellogg, D. Mead, 441.

American Men's League

McLean's	33-9
Upper Lakes	24-18
Auto Value	20-22
Northland Appliance	19-23
Red Barn	19-23
Swamp II	19-23
Grayling RV	18-24
Stitches by Sue	16-26

High Game: G. Fenton, 232, P. Nunn, 225, D. Ross, 219. High Series: P. Nunn, 583, M. Keir, 580, D. Metzger, 577.

Sunday Fun League

Helsel's	31
Deb & Dale's	29
Legion Lanes	29
Helsel Bros.	28
Cedar Motel	21
No Fear	20
Domadors	20
Roshy Construction	18

Men's High Game: T. Messerschmidt, 202, M. Roshy, 201, L. Baker, J. Helsel, 197. Men's High Series: E. Palmer, 527, J. Helsel, 525, M. Roshy, 516.

Women's High Game: S. French, 242, C. Pfaff, 184, 178, T. Haight, 167. Women's High Series: C. Pfaff, 517, S. French, 514, T. Haight, 399.

Thursday Morning Coffee League

Buccilli's	36
Davy's Girls	36
Lone Pine Inn	34
AuSable Construction	26
Harlees	26
Legion Lanes	24
Spikes	23
Wakeley's Golden Girls	19

High Game: S. France, 245, D. Buccilli, 203, B. Dellart, 190. High Series: S. France, 539, B. Dellart, 533, D. Buccilli, 516.

Pioneer League

Millikins	33-23
Mercy Hospital	33-23
Chemical Bank	31-25
Custom Interior	28-28
M & M Crafts	27-29
Eagles Auxiliary	25-31
Aunt Betty's	24-32
Avalanche	23-33

High Game: M. Perez, 192, K. Moshier, 188, 184. High Series: K. Moshier, 552, M. Perez, 518, M. Bartel, 488.

Friday Night Mixed Doubles

Moshier's Auto	37-19
Aunt Betty's	32-24
Wakeley Builders	30-26
AJD	27-29
A. H. Rental & Repair	26-26
Advance Collision	25-31
Pizza Hut	25-27
Main Stream Realty	18-38

Men's High Game: J. Campbell, 243, D. Lozon, 210, K. Miller, 193. Men's High Series: D. Lozon, 564, J. Campbell, 546, R. Moshier, 501.

Women's High Game: K. Moshier, 192, J. Hinds, H. Pelton, 176, S. Bancroft, 168.

Women's High Series: J. Hinds, 495, K. Moshier, 482, S. Bancroft, 479.

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Grayling netters have big 2-1 week

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"Roscommon was a good start for the season and we learned a lot about ourselves. We saw our physical potential. In that first game, we dominated."

Although the loss against Roscommon was disappointing, the Vikings did the only thing they could do — they turned it into a learning experience instead of a defeat. The lessons learned against Roscommon, however hard they were, helped cinch the victories against Harrison and Gaylord later in the week.

Leading the Vikings against Roscommon was Monica Lawrence and Vicki Creps, sophomore, with 10 serves each. Lawrence also contributed six spikes and 16 passes. Creps had two spikes and six passes. Samara Sabin, senior, and Carol Lancy each hit six serves. Sabin had one spike and seven passes. Lancy had eight spikes and 19 passes. Brooke Blaauw was con-

sistent with passes and spikes all week, contributing 18 passes and 11 spikes in the Roscommon game.

"I'm pleased with how hard the team is working," said Brown. "They are in the gym two times a day. It shows the commitment they have to the sport and to each other."

The team spends two hours a day practicing volleyball and then come in again for lifting and running.

"I believe in this team," said Brown, "with time their going to develop into contenders and be able to be very competitive against strong teams."

"I'm very pleased with the net action out of Lawrence, Blaauw, Neal and Lancy," said Brown.

Brown said she is pretty excited about developing young setters like St. Germain and Creps.

The next game for the netters is in Houghton Lake on Wednesday, Jan. 4 at 6 p.m.

Drowsy drivers need to wake up, save lives

Falling asleep at the wheel of your car can have dangerous, and often fatal, consequences.

According to a 1993 report by the National Commission on Sleep Disorders Research, drowsy drivers actually cause more fatalities per accident than drunken drivers. In fact, says the report, nearly 40 million Americans have chronic sleep problems, which can present a serious threat to themselves and others.

The U. S. Department of Transportation estimates that at least 200,000 traffic accidents each year are due to driver fatigue. A study by the National Transportation Safety Board found that one-third of all truck accidents resulting in the death of the driver, probably were caused by sleep deprivation. Other national studies have estimated that at least 20 percent of all drivers have fallen asleep while driving.

Authorities say sleepiness slows reaction time, decreases awareness and impairs judgement, just like drugs or alcohol. Most people know how dangerous drinking and driving can be — driving drowsy can be just as dangerous.

Here are some suggestions to avoid

driving tired:

• Start any trip by getting enough sleep the night before. Plan to drive during time periods when you are normally awake. Stay overnight rather than driving straight through.

• Avoid driving during your body's natural "down time." Take a mid-afternoon break and find a place to sleep between midnight and 6 a.m.

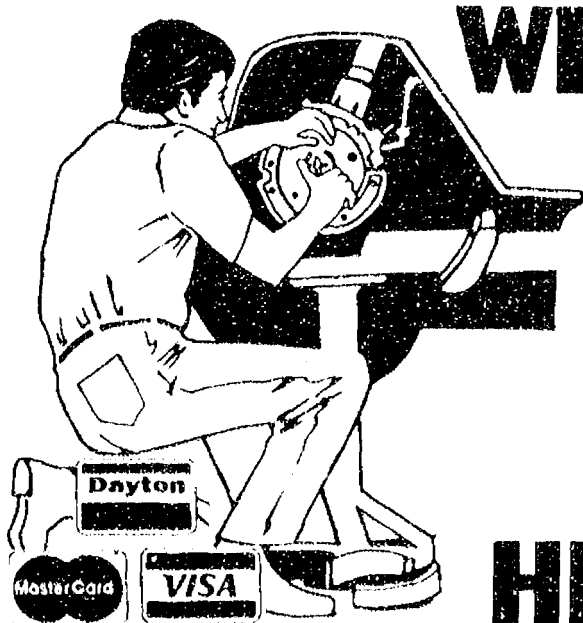
• Talk with your passenger if you have someone else in the car. A passenger can also let you know when you are showing signs of sleepiness. If your passenger thinks you are getting sleepy, let someone else drive or drive to a safe place and get some rest.

• Make sure both people in the front of the car are awake. A driver who is resting should go to the back seat, buckle up and sleep.

• Schedule a break every two hours or every 100 miles. Stop sooner if you show signs of sleepiness. During your break, take a nap, stretch, take a walk and get some exercise before getting back into the car.

• Four out of 10 Americans routinely fail to get enough sleep. If you believe you have a chronic sleep disorder, consult your family physician.

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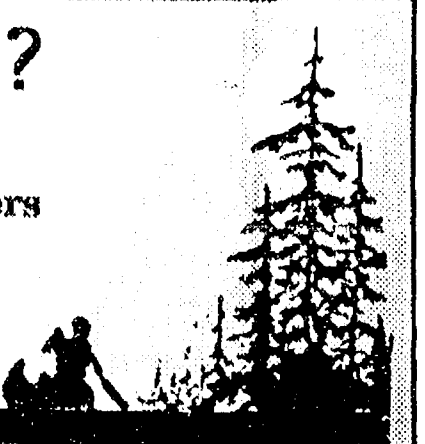
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Let's go nuts!

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Nut Spirals

1 cup butter or margarine, softened
2/3 cup granulated sugar
1 large egg
1 teaspoon almond extract
2 cups unsifted all-purpose flour
1 cup ground blanched almonds
1/4 teaspoon salt
Confectioner's sugar
Chopped green and red candied cherries

Preheat oven to 350°F. Line 36 mini-muffin cups with paper liners; set aside. Beat butter and granulated sugar in large bowl until light and fluffy. Beat in egg and almond extract. Stir in flour, almonds and salt until blended.

Spoon mixture into large pastry bag fitted with large star tip. Pipe mixture into prepared muffin cups, dividing evenly. Bake 20 minutes, or until lightly browned. Cool on wire racks. Place some confectioner's sugar in fine wire sieve; sprinkle over cookies. Decorate each with a piece of chopped candied cherry.

Makes 36.

Marzipan Pinecones

1 package (7 ounce) almond paste
1 2/3 cups confectioner's sugar
Toasted sliced, unblanched almonds

Break almond paste into small pieces and knead until pliable. Gradually knead in sugar and one to two tablespoons water, until mixture is blended but not sticky.

With palms of hands, shape one scant tablespoon almond-paste mixture into a 1 1/2-inch-high cone. Dip pointed end of each sliced almond into water; insert almonds, pointed end in, into marzipan at slight angle and overlapping slightly, to make horizontal rows along length of cone.

Makes 28.

Pecan Diamonds

1 1/2 cups flour
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1/4 teaspoon salt
5 tablespoons sugar
5 tablespoons butter
3 tablespoons vegetable shortening
1 large egg
1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract

Filling
1 cup butter

1/2 cup honey
1/4 cup sugar
1 1/4 cups firmly packed brown sugar
4 cups chopped pecans
1/4 cup heavy or whipping cream

In medium bowl combine flour, baking powder and salt. Beat sugar, butter and shortening until fluffy and light. Add egg and vanilla, and beat until mixed well.

Add flour, baking powder and salt mixture and stir until dough forms a ball. Flour hands and press dough evenly into 15 1/2 x 10 1/2-inch jelly-roll pan. Freeze for 30 minutes.

Preheat oven to 375°F. Prick dough with a fork and bake for 10 minutes. Do not brown. Cool. Reduce oven temperature to 350°F.

While crust is cooling prepare the filling. Bring butter, honey and sugars to boil in large saucepan over medium heat (do not stir). Remove pan from heat; stir in nuts and cream. Spread filling evenly over crust.

Bake 35 minutes. Cool in pan on wire rack. Cut crosswise into 1 1/2-inch strips and then cut strips diagonally at 2-inch intervals to form diamonds.

Makes 4 dozen.

Hazelnut Balls

3/4 cup butter or margarine
3/4 cup confectioner's sugar
1 1/4 cups ground hazelnuts
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 1/2 cups flour

Beat butter until smooth in medium bowl. Beat in 1/2 cup confectioner's sugar gradually. Stir 1 cup hazelnuts and salt into flour, and stir into butter and sugar mixture. Cover and refrigerate for about two hours until firm enough to handle.

Preheat oven to 325°F. Using your hands, roll dough into 36 1-inch balls; place on ungreased baking sheet. Bake for 13 to 15 minutes until very lightly browned. Cool on wire rack.

Combine remaining confectioner's sugar and chopped hazelnuts. Roll cookies in mixture.

Makes 36 cookies.



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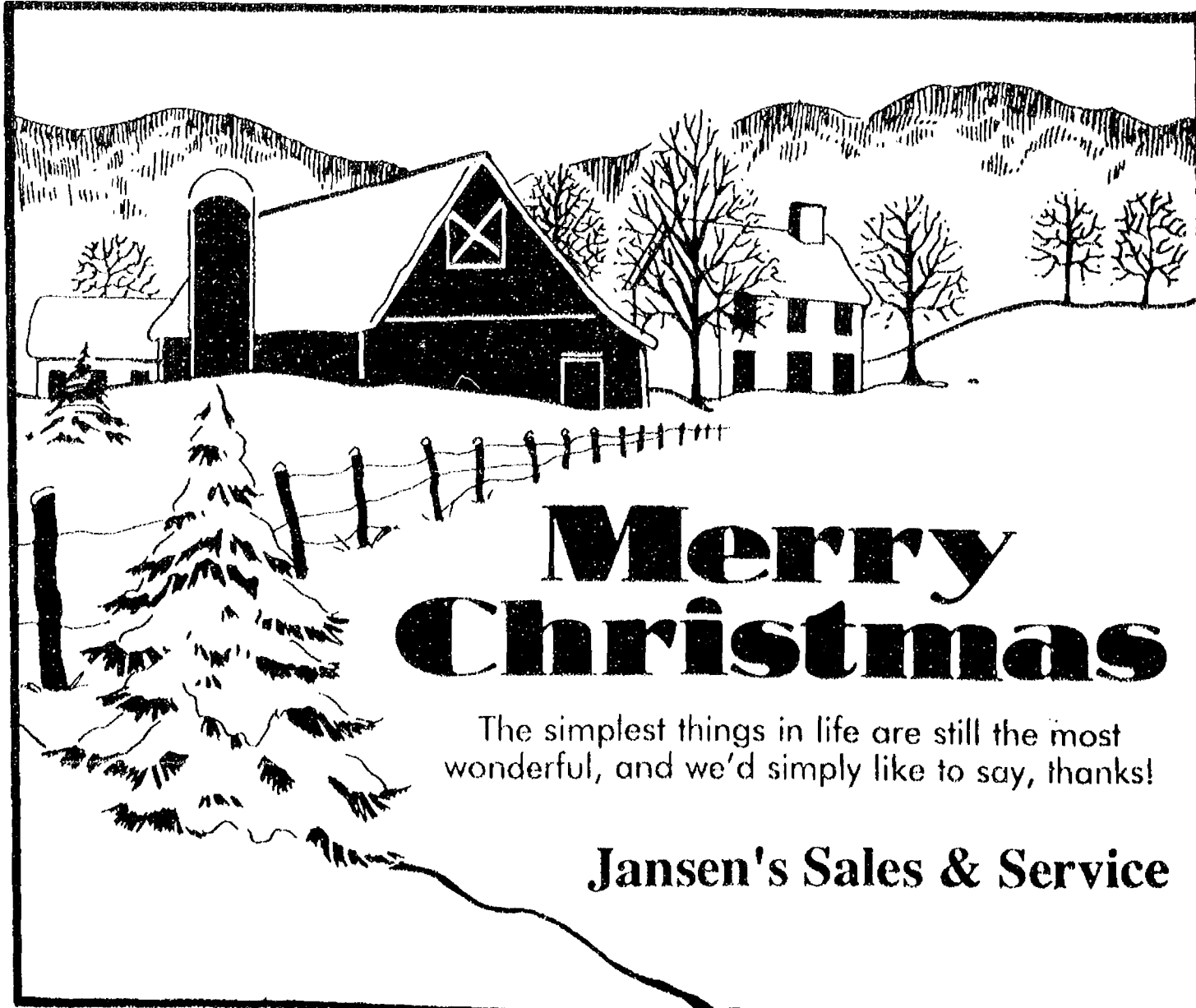
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- Out of the 167 entries received this week, only 13 chose Youngstown St. to beat Boise St., 20 people got all three bonus games correct and 15 chose Indianapolis to beat Miami.
- Last week's winners:
- | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
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| 2. Detroit 5 points | 9. Arizona |
| 3. San Francisco | 10. Pittsburgh |
| 4. Green Bay | 11. Kansas City |
| 5. Chicago | 12. LA Raiders |
| 6. New England | 13. Indianapolis |
| 7. San Diego | 14. Detroit |
| | 15. NY Giants 3 points |
| | 16. Westminster PA (34) |

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 - The person with the most correct picks wins all the weekly prizes listed.
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Game 16		

Tiebreaker 1 (total points scored in game 1) _____

Tiebreaker 2 (total points scored in game 16) _____

Tiebreaker 3 (total points scored in game 8) _____

Avalanche Football Contest Official Rules

- Contestants must list the advertiser in which each game is found. Entry blanks without advertisers listed will be invalid.
- One entry per person a week will be accepted. Crawford Co. Avalanche employees are not eligible.
- Completed entry blanks must be returned to the Avalanche no later than 5 p.m. Friday before each week's games. Mailed entries must be postmarked no later than 5 p.m. Friday. Mail to Avalanche, PO Box 490, Grayling, MI, 49738.
- Entries must be on an official entry blank as printed in the Avalanche. No purchase necessary to enter. Entry forms are available at the Avalanche office.
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The SBA's tree planting program provides matching grants for tree planting on non-federal public lands. It uses small businesses to plant and maintain trees on urban and rural state and local lands. These trees must be maintained for a minimum of three years.

DNR Director Roland Harnes sees the SBA tree planting program as one that recognizes the increasingly important partnership between economic viability and environmental stewardship.

"Michigan's participation in this federal program provides an additional opportunity to enhance and protect this state's natural resources while

stimulating the economic growth of local communities," Harnes said.

Any non-federal unit of government (city, village, county, township, soil conservation district, etc.) or legal non-profit entity working in conjunction with local government may apply for a grant, which requires a 50 percent local match.

Approximately \$383,500 in federal monies is available to Michigan communities in 1995-96 under this SBA program.

The deadline for applications is Feb. 21, 1995. The DNR will then submit one application comprised of nominated projects to the SBA for approval. Funded projects must begin after Sept. 1, 1995 and be completed by Aug. 31, 1996.

Applications are available by contacting Cara Boucher, Urban and Community Forester, DNR, Forest Management Division, P.O. Box 30452, Lansing, MI 48909-7252.

YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY

By Charles Tinsley, Cadillac Social Security Representative

Baby boomers can avoid retirement 'sticker shock' through planning

Memo to baby boomers: It seems that major life transitions do not get any easier.

According to a 1993 survey, 12 percent of newlyweds find the transition from single life to married life difficult; 23 percent of new parents find the transition from being a couple to having kids difficult; and 36 percent of people aged 60 and over find that the adjustment from working to retirement is difficult.

The survey did not state the reasons for each, but common wisdom might suppose that money is a factor in each case, i.e. —

•Two cannot live as cheaply as one;
•Three/four/five cannot live as cheaply as two;

•And golf course dues and exotic travel cannot be paid for with ticket stubs from concerts.

So what's a boomer with the great American retirement dream to do?

For a generation to whom CD is more likely to mean compact disk than certificate of deposit, the answer may not be welcome: Save. Put a little something aside.

Recently, a series of focus groups

was conducted across the country by the National Academy of Social Insurance. Among the findings was this interesting fact: There was "deep disappointment from some who said that they had been led to believe that Social Security by itself would be sufficient to sustain them at the standard of living at which they were now living. These participants had the notion that current earnings would completely be replaced dollar for dollar by Social Security benefits."

It's definitely time for a reality check.

Social Security will form a solid foundation for most workers retirement plans. Social Security retirement replaces, on average, 42 percent of a worker's pre-retirement income. But Social Security is and was always intended to be part of a "three-legged" financial stool for retirement. The other two legs are private pensions and savings/investment income.

However, less than 59 percent of all employees participate in an employer-sponsored pension plan and only a little more than half of all people are actively saving for retirement. Some

people are clearly setting themselves up for disappointment — and another difficult life transition. Don't be among them. Begin planning early for retirement.

A significant first step would be to

know just how much can you expect from Social Security. You can get that information through a Personal Earnings and Benefit Estimate Statement.

Mercy Lights of Love memorializes loved ones

On Friday, Dec. 9, the lighting of the beautiful tree in the front of Mercy Hospital, was lit with all of the hundreds of lights that were donated by the community in the memory of cherished loved ones. The event was well attended by residents of the community and surrounding area.

Sister Rosemary Mulcahy opened the ceremony with a prayer. Dorothy White, president of the Mercy Hospital Auxiliary gave a short speech welcoming all and introduced Donna Hughes, music director of the Frederic Elementary School, whose group provided the warm hearted carols. Dennis Renander, C.E.O., of Mercy Health Services North, was introduced

and a check presentation of \$10,000 was given to Glenda Jacobs, director of senior care services, to be used towards the purchase of a nurse call system and whirlpool bath for the residents of Mercy Manor.

The lighting of the tree was greeted with much enthusiasm as the switch was thrown by Mildred Curtis, vice president of the residents council, along with Dennis Renander. The group then moved inside for a reception of cocoa and cookies and to hear the joyous music of the hand bell ringers from Michelson Memorial Church, under the direction of Mary Ann LeVigne. Over \$7,000 was raised for the 1994 Lights of Love.

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Milky Way shines in December skies

The Milky Way's hazy light stretches high across the sky on December evenings, giving Michigan starwatchers a view of vast clouds of distant stars—all part of the immense galaxy in which our sun is located.

The Milky Way's faint, glowing band owes its visibility to the combined luminosity of uncounted stars lying thousands of light-years from our sun, according to University of Michigan astronomer Richard Teske.

"For the best naked-eye views of the Milky Way, you need a dark location away from city lights, shopping centers and security installations," Teske said. "During December its misty swath of light spans the sky from east to west and passes nearly overhead. Pick a clear, cloudless night and look for the Milky Way between 7 and 9 p.m."

"When you see the Milky Way, you are actually seeing our home galaxy from the inside. It is a flattened, rotating pinwheel of stars about 80,000 light-years across and roughly 2,000 light-years thick," Teske said. "Were it delivered to your door as a pizza, you would think it disappointingly thin. Nevertheless, within its skinny disk are several hundred billion stars."

According to Teske, the Milky Way pinwheel has a fat center made brilliant by the fires of countless stars. Outside the central bulge are bright spiral arms winding their way around the center with groupings of stars. Between the bright arms are fainter stars.

"We are located about 25,000 light-years from the central hub, just a few hundred light-years from the inside edge of one of the spiral arms," Teske said. "Here, where the galaxy shines less brilliantly, is the home territory of our sun and its nine planets."

In December, Milky Way observers on Earth are looking away from the galaxy's center and out toward its rim. Almost overhead, near the constellation Perseus and between the constellations of Cassiopeia and Auriga, the Milky Way seems faint, because in that region there are only a few stars beyond our position in the galaxy. The galaxy's fat central hub lies in the opposite direction, towards the constellation of Sagittarius, which has already set below the horizon on December evenings and cannot be seen. The best time of year to see the glittering central region is on September evenings, according to Teske.

"Each of the galaxy's many stars circles the center like a car speeding along a race track. Like race cars, nearly all the stars follow much the same traffic pattern," Teske said. "As a consequence of the orbiting motions of all its stars, the galaxy seems to spin like a pinwheel. Our sun, along with its entire planetary family, participates in this swirling rotation, taking about 220 million years to complete one lap around the center."

Most of the Milky Way's light in the

December sky comes from stars in the spiral arm adjacent to our sun. Observers looking at the winter Milky Way see this spiral arm extending from Cygnus in the west to Orion just rising in the east. The brightest and most distant star clouds in the arm are seen toward Cygnus where they are 5,000 light-years away. "When we look toward Cygnus, we are looking right along the inner edge of the arm in the direction toward which all nearby stars are moving," Teske said.

Health dept. sets clinics

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BITS OF TALK

By Fay Bovee

Bryan and Patty Stephan of Garland, TX, arrived on Sunday to spend a week visiting their parents, Pete and Gloria Stephan and Paul and Pat Hill.

The Tuesday Bridge Club held their annual Christmas party at the home of Marian Welsh on Tuesday, Dec. 13. Prizes were awarded to Ann DuBois, Jean Gothro, Rose Hatfield, and Pearl Tucker. Guests were Joyce Vogelsberg and Jayne Hayes. This bridge club has been meeting continuously since it began in 1947, and one of the original members, Doris Souders, called the group during the party and talked to all of the members.

The family of Mary Jane Knibbs will be here for the holidays, Holly Knibbs from Traverse City, Nancy and Michael Elliott and son, Michael Ryan, from Ann Arbor, and Jim and Cindy Knibbs, Andrea and Natalie, from Petoskey. Jim and Cindy will also visit her family, the Robert Chappells.

David and Ann Stephenson were the honored guests when members of the family feted them with an open house for their 25th wedding anniversary. The open house was held on Saturday, Dec. 10, at the Hanson-

Belknap House on Peninsular Avenue. About 50 family and friends came to wish them "Happy Anniversary." Ann's mother, Mrs. Doris Birtcher, a sister, Pam Fisher, and two daughters, Heidi and Heather Stephenson, hosted the party.

Sandy Fleming and her son, William, of Watertown, WI, were in Grayling over the weekend. Sandy came to attend the memorial service for David Lemmen and William stayed with Josh Niederer. They were accompanied as far as Saginaw by Sandy's mother, Mrs. Gerd Kelly.

Bob Ruddy returned home Saturday after having surgery at Mercy Hospital on Monday. He is doing very well and would enjoy phone calls from his friends. He'll be back at work at the museum this coming summer. Their daughter and family, Maggie and Jim Sperry and children of Williamsburg, are expected for the Christmas weekend and their son and family, Mark and Janet Ruddy of Kingsley, will be visiting after the first of the year.

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Season's Greetings

Dips for the holidays

(NAPS)—Holiday entertaining is as easy as 1-2-3 with delicious, crowd-pleasing dips. From chips and pretzels to freshly cracked crab and crunchy veggies, dips can be served with a variety of foods suitable for every taste and budget. These recipes are from the makers of Hellmann's® mayonnaise.

Bacon Horseradish Dip

1 cup Hellmann's real mayonnaise or light reduced-calorie or reduced-fat/cholesterol-free mayonnaise dressing
1 cup sour cream
1/4 cup real bacon bits
1/4 cup prepared horseradish
Stir all ingredients until well mixed. Cover; chill. Makes 2 cups.

Spinach Dip

1 cup Hellmann's real mayonnaise or light reduced-calorie or reduced-fat/cholesterol-free mayonnaise dressing
1 1/2 cups sour cream

1 pkg. (10 oz.) frozen chopped spinach, thawed, drained
1 pkg. (1.4 oz.) vegetable soup and recipe mix
1 can (8 oz.) water chestnuts, drained, chopped (optional)
3 green onions, chopped
Stir all ingredients until well mixed. Cover; chill. Makes 3 cups.

French Onion Dip

1/2 cup Hellmann's real mayonnaise or light reduced-calorie or reduced-fat/cholesterol-free mayonnaise dressing
2 cups sour cream

1 pkg. (1.9 oz.) french onion soup and recipe mix
Stir all ingredients until well mixed. Cover; chill. Makes 2 1/2 cups.

Hot Artichoke Dip

1/2 cup Hellmann's real mayonnaise or light reduced-calorie or reduced-fat/cholesterol-free mayonnaise dressing
1/2 cup sour cream
1 can (14 oz.) artichoke hearts, drained, chopped
1/3 cup grated Parmesan cheese
1/8 tsp. hot pepper sauce
Stir all ingredients until well mixed. Spoon into small ovenproof dish. Bake

at 350°F 30 minutes or until bubbly. Makes 2 cups.

Hot Crab Dip

1 pkg. (3 oz.) cream cheese, softened
1/2 cup Hellmann's real mayonnaise or light reduced-calorie or reduced-fat/cholesterol-free mayonnaise dressing
1 can (6 oz.) crabmeat, drained
1/4 cup minced onion
1 Tbsp. lemon juice
1/8 tsp. hot pepper sauce
Beat cream cheese until smooth. Stir in remaining ingredients. Spoon into small ovenproof dish. Bake at 350°F 30 minutes or until bubbly. Makes 1 cup.

Turning out terrific turkey

(NAPS)—Any day may seem more like a holiday—and the holidays can seem festive indeed—if you make a meal of that terrific, all-American bird, the turkey.

Here, from the Michelob Holiday Recipe and Entertainment Guide, are some tips on picking and preparing palate-pleasing poultry, plus hints on dressing up Tom Turkey.

Buying The Bird

- If possible, get a fresh turkey. Be sure the breastbone and joints are flexible, signs that the bird is young.
- If you buy the turkey frozen, let it defrost for 2-3 days in the refrigerator so it will retain more of its juices.

Preparation Pointers

- Turkeys should be well-oiled, especially the breast, which can tend to dry out.
- Before roasting, rub the bird inside and out with seasoned salt.
- If the turkey's cavity is large, use the heel of a loaf of bread to hold in the stuffing.
- Use dental floss to sew up the turkey after stuffing. It holds better

than thread and won't tear the bird.

Cooking

- Roast a 10- to 13-pound turkey at 325°F for approximately 20 minutes per pound.
- To test for doneness, see if the drumstick moves freely. You can also pierce the thickest part of the thigh. If the juice runs clear, it's done.

Preparing Stuffing—"Safe At The Plate"

No matter what stuffing recipe you prepare, it's important to prepare it safely. Warm, moist stuffing in the closed cavity of a turkey is a nurturing environment for bacteria. Here are a few precautions to take when roasting stuffed poultry:

- Do not pre-mix the stuffing. If you wish to prepare ahead, keep the pre-measured ingredients separate.
- Pack stuffing loosely in the cavity; it will expand during cooking.
- Temperature and timing are important: the stuffing must be cool before it is placed in the bird, and the bird must be stuffed just before going into the oven.

- Use a meat thermometer to check the doneness of the bird and the stuffing. The meat should reach 185° and the stuffing should reach 165°.
- Spoon all the stuffing into a serving bowl as soon as the bird is out of the oven.

Corn Pudding Recipe

This recipe is a welcome alternative to the traditional buttered corn served at Thanksgiving.

Combine one 12-oz. can whole kernel corn, two 17-oz. cans cream-style corn and five lightly beaten eggs. Add mixture of 1/2 cup sugar, 4 Tbsp. cornstarch, 1 1/2 tsp. seasoned salt, 1/2 tsp. dry mustard and 1 tsp. instant minced onion. Stir in 1/2 cup each milk and melted butter. Pour into greased 3-qt. casserole. Bake in 400°F oven one hour, stirring once.

Colorful Cornbread Recipe

Combine one 8 1/2-oz. box cornbread mix, one 16-oz. can drained mixed vegetables, 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese, 1/2 cup chopped onion, 1/3 cup milk and 1 slightly beaten egg. Spoon into lightly greased 8 x 8-inch pan. Bake at 400°F for 25 minutes. Cool five minutes before cutting (leftover chopped, cooked ham or sausage can be added). Makes 6-8 servings.

Turkey-carving tips from the experts

Tip #1: Cutting beautiful slices depends on using a good, sharp, non-serrated carving knife. Serrated knives tend to tear tender meat, producing shreds instead of slices. Chef'sChoice Trizor® Professional 10X® Cutlery, by EdgeCraft, is two to three times sharper and stays sharp up to ten times longer than leading European and domestic knives. EdgeCraft offers a carving knife and a wide assortment of other knives to help you prepare the whole holiday dinner and make sandwiches from the leftovers!

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proper sharpening angles to produce an arch-shaped edge that is sharper and longer-lasting. It uses 100-percent diamond abrasives to gently polish the entire length of the blade to razor-sharpness in a matter of minutes.

Tip #3: After the turkey is roasted, remove it from the oven and let it cool for 10 to 12 minutes. This will make the meat easier to slice.

Tip #4: Start carving by removing the drumsticks and thighs. Next remove the wings, but only the tip and center sections. Leave the last section of the wing attached to the breast. This provides a good broad base to help prevent the bird from tilting when you slice the breast.

Tip #5: When carving the turkey breast, start by making a deep horizontal (parallel to the platter) "base cut" into the breast, just above the wing bone. Then you can release nice even slices by cutting in a vertical direction down through the breast to the base cut.

Roast turkey with glaze

(NAPS)—Here's one more thing to be thankful for this Thanksgiving: That delicious, juicy turkey is wonderfully low in fat and calories, so you can enjoy eating plenty without worrying about your waistline.

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Roast Turkey With Glaze

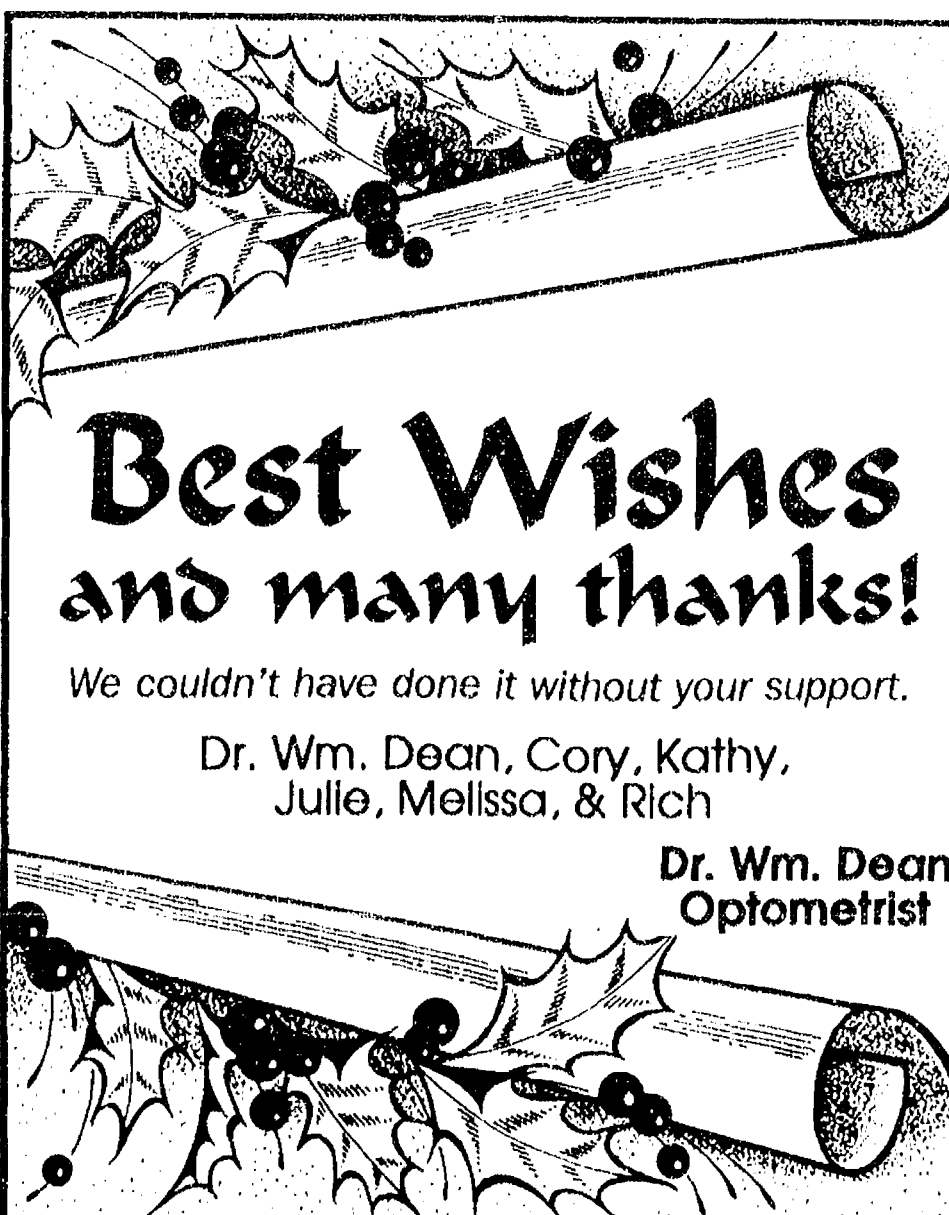
Follow directions on package for cleaning and roasting turkey. Use one of the following glaze recipes to baste the turkey before placing in oven. Baste with additional glaze every 30 minutes during cooking.

Honey Mustard Glaze

1 can (6 oz.) frozen orange juice concentrate, thawed
1/2 cup prepared mustard
1/2 cup honey
2 teaspoons Ac'cent Flavor Enhancer
1 teaspoon poultry seasoning
In a small bowl, combine all ingredients.
Makes enough for a 12- to 15-pound turkey.

Cranberry Orange Glaze

1 can (16 oz.) whole berry cranberry sauce
1 can (6 oz.) frozen orange juice concentrate, thawed
1/4 cup honey
2 teaspoons Ac'cent Flavor Enhancer
In a small bowl, combine all ingredients.
Makes enough for a 12- to 15-pound turkey.



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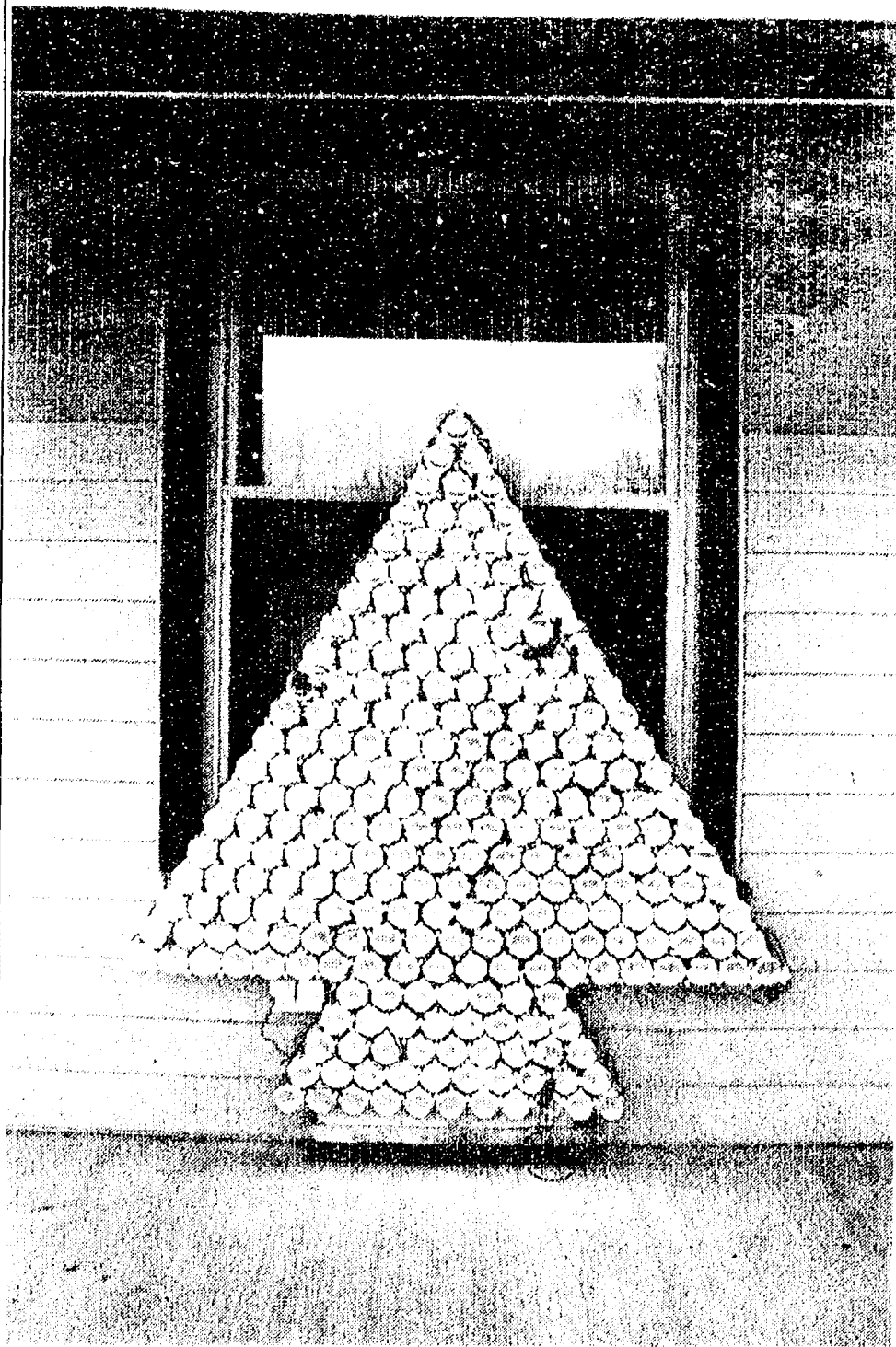
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Girl Scouts have busy schedule during holidays

Local Girl Scout Troops have been active during November and December. Here's a rundown of all of the different activities they have been involved in.

What's your favorite Girl Scout cookie? Troop 2205 held an election on Nov. 8 to determine the favorite cookie. The number one cookie was a tie between thin mints and samoas.

Donating time and other items to the community is a big part of what the Girl Scouts try to do. Each month every Girl Scout donates a can of food to the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center. Another troop

donates mittens and hats to the River House Shelter.

Troops 2006 and 2243 lent a hand to the members of the American Legion, who had a Thanksgiving dinner for the public. The Girl Scouts played bingo and had a real nice meal. Everyone brought a dish to compliment the turkey, stuffing and mashed potatoes provided by the American Legion.

Troop 2205 visited Hartwick Pines and won a weekend pass for the rustic cabin. The troop has invited Troop 2243 to join them.

Every month there is a different project for all the Girl Scouts to do. In

December, the Girl Scouts will go to the AuSage Acres for a pie and bingo social. The scouts will make prizes and bring pie to serve.

Of course, some scouts will be out Christmas caroling to help celebrate the holidays. November and December have been busy months for the Girl Scouts, but lots of fun for all.

The Girl Scouts recommends a visit

to Hartwick Pines. Troop 2243 went to Hartwick Pines and made a gem tree.

The Girl Scouts ask that you save your old envelopes with cancelled stamps to donate to them to help raise money and recycle paper. The envelopes can be dropped off at the American Legion. Any donations would be appreciated.

BITS OF TALK

By Fay Bovee

The Ruth Robertson family celebrated their Christmas, weekend before last, when all of her children gathered in Grayling at the Holiday Inn. Coming from Portland, ME, were Sylvia and Jerry Krausz and their son and family, Thomas and Beth Krausz, Evan and Tommy, another son and family, Richard and Laurie Krausz, Jessie, Eric, Anna, and Jerod, from South Haven, John and Lee Robertson and their son and family, Danny and Liz Robertson and Hannah, a daughter and husband, Kristin and Mike Helms, from East Tawas. Also Joe and Mary Ellen Robertson and family, Jason and friend, Lauri Abbott, Jennie from Ferris State University, Jamie and Angela, and from Waleska, GA, Eddie Robertson. They held their Christmas party and enjoyed a delicious dinner together.

Jim and Florence Hough's family have arrived home for the holidays. Amy is a graduate student at Central

Michigan University and arrived home on Monday. Tim is a fourth year student at Grand Valley and Ron is a freshman at Alma, they arrived home last week.

Paula Nunn, daughter of Melvin "Pat" and Nancy Nunn graduated from Northern Michigan University on Saturday, Dec. 17, with a B.S. degree in conservation. Attending the graduation, besides her parents, were her two sisters and their families, Holly and Chris Killop and daughter, Jordan of Warren, and Penny and Dean Barrick and two sons, Jarrad and Connor of Royal Oak, and grandmother, Mrs. Florence Nunn of Rochester. Holly and family and their grandmother will return to Grayling next weekend for Christmas.

Patrick Nunn, son of Pat and Nancy Nunn was a December 1994 graduate of Central Michigan University majoring in outdoor recreation. He moved to Keystone, CO, about Nov. 15, where he is employed by the ski industry.

Tom and Lynn Welsh and family of Bridgeport are expected to spend Christmas with her parents, LeRoy and Marie Akers, and visit his parents, Tom and Marian Welsh.

Another caller told us of the lights out on Danish Landing Road. A ride out there showed a lot of lights, two houses in particular that were outlined in lights and extended out to the road. Another place on the way out there was the new T-shirt business on M-72 West that someone else mentioned was well decorated. A couple of other places that were mentioned was Goose Creek Road and McIntyre's Landing. We did not get to see them, but if you are looking for color you might take a ride out there. We could see from the overpass on the North Down River Road, that there were many decorated homes on Glenn and Orbit roads, in the subdivision just east of the fish hatchery. We would like to express our thanks for all the people who have put forth the effort to light up Grayling and the surrounding area. You've done a good job and we know you'll continue another year.

president for government affairs for the Michigan Homebuilders Association, stated his organization's opposition to the bills.

"They need a lot of work, and the Legislature knows that—that's why they were temporarily put in limbo."

Egbert said it appears the bills' focus is to establish state centralized zoning of property, removing that control from local communities. Only 5503, which he said has already been implemented in the Leelanau Peninsula, shows some promise.

Between four and five more bills, Egbert said, will be introduced in January to "round out the package and initiate discussion."

Merrill said land-use tools like those proposed in the bills are used in other states, and he said he would welcome the "opportunity to use them to handle growth in Michigan."

He is troubled, however, by language in one bill stating a community could sue if it is felt that a proposed development by a neighboring community would have a negative impact.

"How do you deal with developments that have regional impacts? How do you deal with developments that will have negative impact?"

Merrill said he believes, on the whole, the improvements suggested are beneficial, and that local governments will welcome additional land-use tools.

"Both the environment and the standard of living here in Michigan will improve," Merrill concluded.

Legislation introduced would restrict new development

By Dawn Loeniskar
Capital News Service

Developments of new homes dot certain areas, while others remain quiet and untouched.

At the same time, towns and villages across Michigan regularly contend with how to best manage both commercial and residential development.

These are the types of problems that land-use regulations, like those outlined in state House Bills 5499 through 5506, seek to address.

If approved, the bills would make changes in land-use laws that "have not been substantially changed in 50 years," said Larry Merrill, Michigan Townships Association deputy executive director.

Mark Wyckoff, president of Lansing's Planning and Zoning Center, said the average homeowner would not be directly impacted by the proposed legislation. Wyckoff described the package as "enabling" legislation, permitting but not mandating action by local governments on a particular issue.

The bills were introduced in April by task force members under the chairmanship of Rep. Leon Stille, R-Spring Lake. Stille recently won election to the Senate, and according to legislative aide, Bea Raymond, the bills will be reintroduced when the new Senate convenes in mid-January. Raymond emphasized the bills likely would undergo changes before they receive final passage.

House Bill 5499, the most extensive of the eight, would redefine what constitutes a subdivision. All land divisions resulting in one or more parcels of less than 40 acres would have to have some type of governmental approval and meet certain standards.

Municipalities would be "clearly empowered" to review every land division to ensure adequate access for emergency vehicles and the like, Wyckoff said.

The bill also would significantly cut the time period for agency approval of construction projects. Concurrent review of developers' requests by separate agencies instead of sequential review could shorten approval time to as little as four months.

Wyckoff described this provision as a "key compromise" between developers and municipalities. In exchange for a shorter period of review, municipalities reserve the right to approve every proposed land division.

"This is a balanced approach, and deals with concerns that both the public and private sector have expressed for a long time," Wyckoff said of the legislation.

Other bills would:

- Encourage regional coordination on projects impacting more than one community;

- Provide for land-use development agreements between local units of government and developers;

- Set a uniform standard for defining special benefits for purposes of determining special assessments; and

- Provide for the issuance of official land use maps.

Bills 5501 and 5502 would authorize counties and townships to provide for land-use zoning districts based on several classifications, including what public facilities and services the community offers. HB 5506 would give cities that same duty.

As the bills have not been formally taken up by the Legislature, spokespersons for most professional organizations voiced opinions, but no official position regarding the package.

Bill Wortz, manager of legislative affairs for the Michigan Association of Realtors, said his organization plans on playing a "large part in these bills as they go through the process."

"We will be taking a look at the package to see if the concepts fit with what we need to make decisions at a local level," according to Bill Mathewson, staff attorney and federal affairs coordinator for the Michigan Municipal League.

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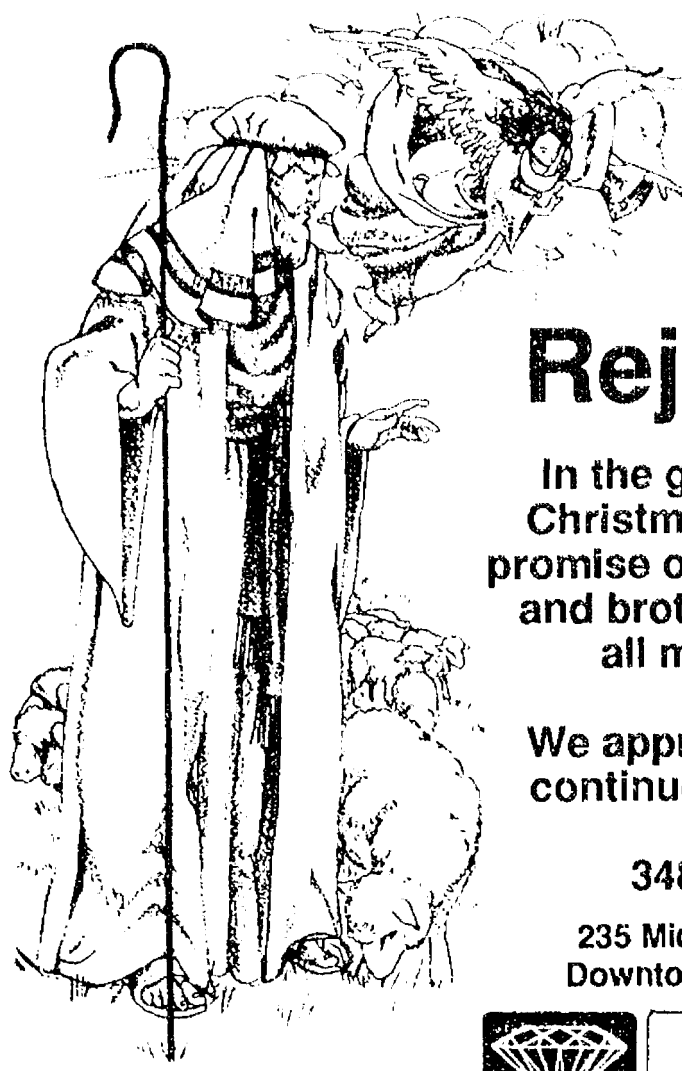
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Season's Greetings

Heart-healthy holiday cooking

(NAPS)—'Tis the season to enjoy delicious holiday meals and desserts. The challenge is to find ways to prepare them so that they're heart healthy and tasty. That way you'll look and feel your best throughout the New Year to come.

One way to make your holiday cooking healthier is to take whole eggs—which can be high in fat and cholesterol—out of your recipes. Happily, one company has scrambled up a fresh, new alternative called *Just Whites*; it's a 100 percent all-natural, powdered egg white product.

Practically farm-fresh, this 100 percent fat-free and salmonella-free egg white from Deb-El Foods Corporation has no sugar or cholesterol and is an excellent source of protein. Because it's all natural, it contains no artificial ingredients or colorings, additives or preservatives, unlike most other cholesterol-free egg products on the market today. It's kosher and is rigorously tested for Salmonella negativity by USDA method.

Just Whites is perfect for virtually any dish made with eggs. With only 15 calories per serving, use it as commercial chefs have for years—in quiches, desserts, breads and pasta, meat loaf—anything you like! It's wonderfully easy to use. Just add water; you don't have to crack eggs and separate them—and since there's no yolk to throw out, you're cutting down on waste, protecting

the environment at the same time that you're protecting your health.

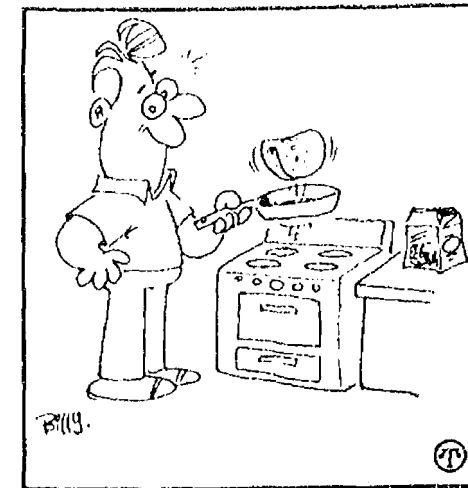
Here's a holiday recipe with *Just Whites* that your friends and family might enjoy:

Just Whites VIENNESE BROWNIE RECIPE

Each 2 1/2" by 2" bar contains 5.4 grams of fat and 134 calories. Yields 12 servings.

INGREDIENTS:

- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1/3 cup canola oil
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1 tablespoon plus one teaspoon *Just Whites*
- 1/3 cup warm water
- 3/4 cup flour
- 1/3 cup unsweetened cocoa



Delicious cholesterol-free treats can be cooked and baked with all-natural, powdered egg whites.

- 1/4 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- Vegetable cooking spray
- 2 teaspoons sifted powdered sugar

DIRECTIONS:

1. Pre-heat oven to 350 degrees.
2. Combine first three ingredients in a large mixing bowl and blend well. In a separate bowl

whisk *Just Whites* with warm water; let stand 2 1/2 minutes, then add to first three ingredients.

3. Combine flour, cocoa, baking powder and salt in separate bowl. Add to sugar mixture, stirring until just moist.

4. Pour batter into an 8-inch square baking pan coated with vegetable cooking spray. Bake at 350°F for 25 minutes, or until a wooden pick comes out clean. Let stand to cool and sprinkle with sugar.

Recommended by "Tufts University Diet and Nutrition Newsletter," *Just Whites* is also convenient. It requires no refrigeration and has a shelf life of up to five years. It's available in an eight ounce canister that is equivalent to four and a quarter dozen egg whites. To use, just add warm water to the appropriate amount of *Just Whites* for real liquid egg white.

Merry Christmas

Have a wonderful Christmas, and enjoy health and prosperity in the new year.



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Baking with margarine

(NAPS)—If your holiday plans include baking and you're among the 55 percent of bakers who prefer margarine, your motto this year should be "watch out for water." What used to be margarine may not be margarine any more.

Fat and moisture content are critical factors in baking, and many brands of margarine contain different levels of oil (fat) and water as ingredients. Choosing the wrong product for use in baking your favorite holiday recipes can prove disastrous.

By law, margarine must be 80 percent oil, just as butter must be 80 percent butterfat. Adding water to margarine lowers the fat content—which appeals to health-conscious consumers—but when oil levels drop below 80 percent the product can no longer be called a margarine.

And while it's possible to bake with spreads containing oil levels of 60 percent and higher, optimal baking results are achieved with an 80 percent margarine.

So break out the cookie cutters and pastry bags for Holiday Shortbread and Wreath cookies and bake with confidence this year.

CHRISTMAS WREATHS Makes 3 dozen

- 3/4 cup Fleischmann's Margarine, softened
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup Egg Beaters Real Egg Product
- 1 teaspoon almond extract
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup almond, ground, Green and red candied cherries, chopped (optional)

In medium bowl, using electric mixer at medium speed, beat margarine and sugar until creamy. Add egg product and almond extract. Stir in flour and ground almonds. Using pastry bag with 1/2-inch star tip, pipe dough into 1-inch wreaths, 2 inches apart, on ungreased baking sheets. Decorate wreaths with cherry pieces if desired. Bake at 400° F for 10 to 12 minutes or until golden brown. Cool on wire rack. Store in airtight container.

HOLIDAY SHORTBREAD Makes about 2 1/2 dozen

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 6 tablespoons sugar
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 3/4 cup Fleischmann's Margarine
- Prepared frosting, melted chocolate, sprinkles or assorted candies, for decorating.

In bowl, mix flour, sugar and cornstarch; cut in margarine until crumbly. Shape dough into ball. On lightly floured surface, knead 4 minutes. Divide dough in half; wrap and chill 30 minutes. If dough is crumbly, sprinkle with up to 2 tablespoons water, kneading until dough holds together.

On floured surface, roll each half to 1/4-inch thickness. Cut into holiday shapes; place on baking sheet. Bake at 375° F for 8 to 10 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool on wire rack. Decorate with frosting, melted chocolate, sprinkles and assorted candies as desired. Store in airtight container.

Cool and creamy pumpkin pie

(NAPS) Less time in the kitchen, more time to spend with friends and family—what harried homemaker wouldn't want that holiday gift? Fortunately, delicious holiday desserts needn't take hours to bake. Cool and Creamy Pumpkin Pie, for instance, is a no-bake treat that's scrumptious and ready to serve in just 15 minutes.

- ### Cool And Creamy Pumpkin Pie
- 2 cups COMSTOCK® Pure Pumpkin (16 oz. can)
 - 1 carton (12 oz.) nondairy whipped topping, thawed
 - 1 box (4-serving size) instant vanilla pudding mix
 - 1 tsp. pumpkin pie spice
 - 1 (6 oz.) Graham cracker pie crust

In a large mixing bowl, combine pumpkin, 1/2 carton whipped topping, pudding mix and spice. Beat at low speed until well blended, 1 to 2 minutes. Spread into crust. Top with remaining whipped topping. Quick chill in freezer for 10 minutes or until ready to serve. Dust top with additional spice if desired. Refrigerate leftovers.



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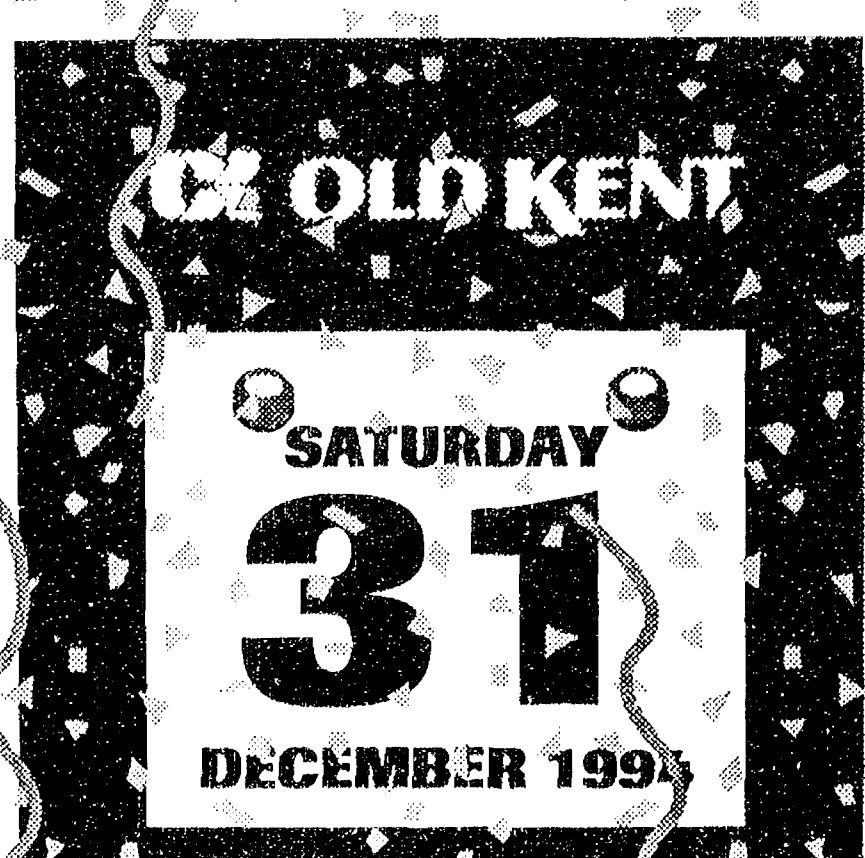
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In memory of Sam Gust, *D-Day and Edith Wharton* by Crawford AuSable Support Staff Union.

In memory of Thea Gillespie, *Suspicion of Innocence* and *Bleak Spring* by Don and Rae Ann Schanz.

In memory of Lorraine Kolka Higgins, *America's Best Recipes for 1994* by Robert and Maxine Papendick.

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In memory of Gale Humes, *Nature Sanctuary Guidebook* by W. Jack and Kathleen Lund, *Tell Them We Remember* and *All Our Yesterdays* by Fick and Sons.

In memory of Otis K. Johnson, *From Sea to Shining Sea* by Tressa, Inc. and *Mean High Tide* by Cornell.

In memory of Ryan Josza, *Future Flight* by Jeff, Shirley, Jessica and Erin Scott.

In memory of William Joseph, *Mozart Season* and *A River Runs Through It* by Candy Henig-Monroe and Mike Monroe.

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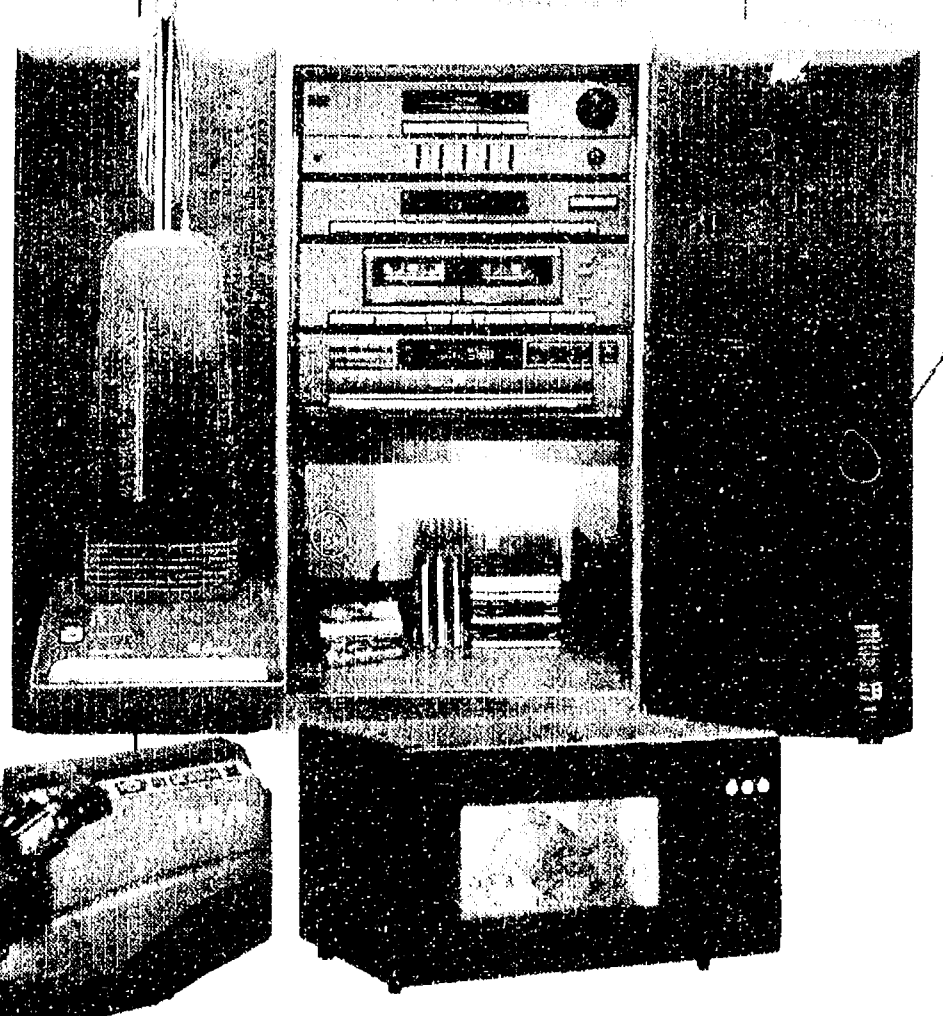
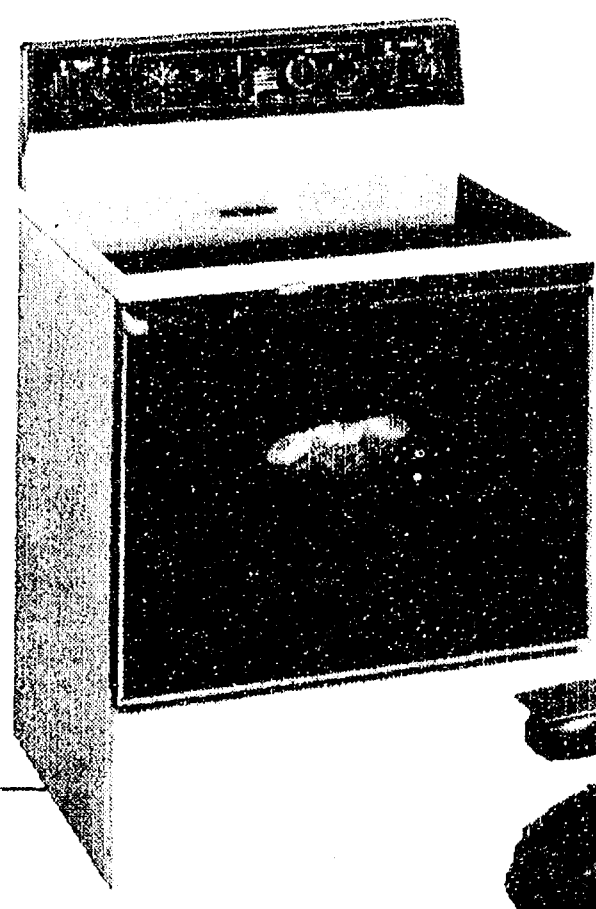
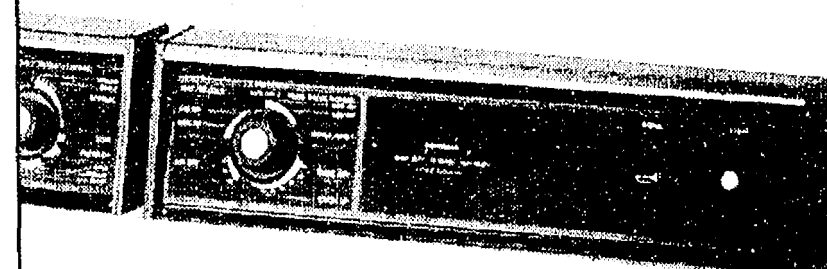
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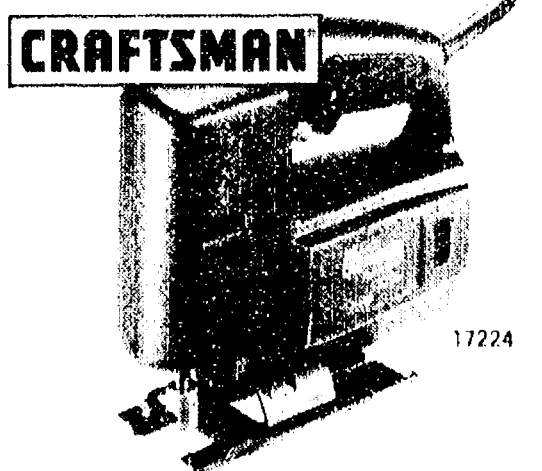
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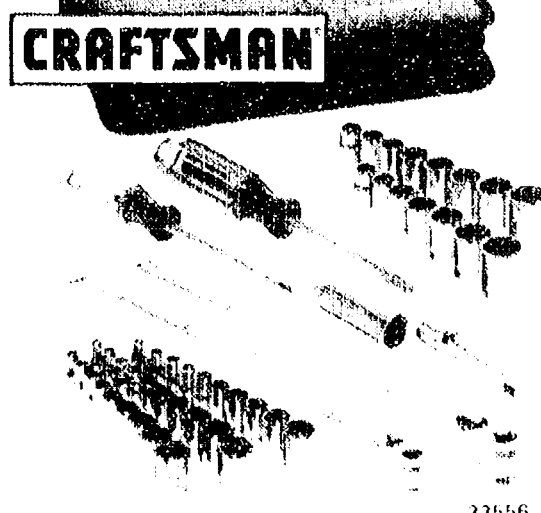
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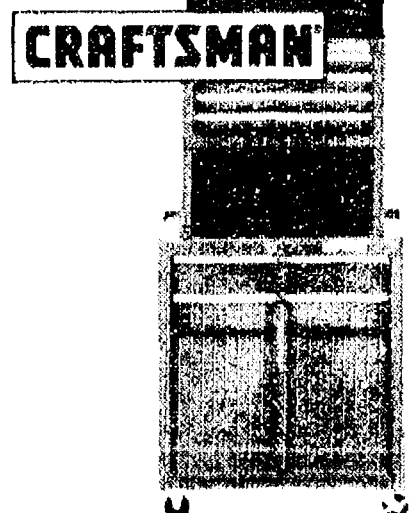
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Holiday beverages

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punches and other drinks.
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Hot Almond Eggnog

3 quarts dairy eggnog
3 cups milk
3 tablespoons almond
extract
Whipped cream
Slivered almonds

Heat eggnog and milk in
a large, heavy saucepan,
stirring occasionally.
Remove from heat and stir
in extract. Served garnished
with dollops of whipped
cream and slivered
almonds.

Almond Nog

1 1/3 cups almonds,
covered with boiling
water
4 cups pure drinking
water
2 tablespoons honey,
molasses or pure
maple syrup
Cinnamon
Freshly grated nutmeg

Let almonds stand one
minute in boiling water.
Drain water. Slip off almond
skins and discard.

Grind almonds to pow-
der in a blender or food pro-
cessor. Gradually add water
and sweeteners. Continue to
blend until smooth. Strain
through cheesecloth, press-
ing out and reserving all liq-
uid. Reserve dry almond
pulp for other uses. Taste
almond nog for sweetness
and add more sweetener, if
desired.

To serve, pour into glass-
es and sprinkle surface with
a little cinnamon and fresh-
ly grated nutmeg.

Ye Olde Wassail

1 gallon apple cider
2/3 of 1 6-ounce can
pineapple juice

2/3 of 1 6-ounce can
frozen orange juice
Juice of 2 lemons
3/4 box of stick
cinnamon
40 whole cloves

Combine all ingredients;
simmer at least 30 minutes.
Serve hot.
Makes 12 servings.

Cranberry Frost

1 quart lemon sherbet
1 quart cranberry juice

Divide sherbet among
eight small glasses or frost-
ed goblets. Freeze until
serving time. Just before
serving, pour cranberry
cocktail over sherbet.
Makes 8 servings.

Coffee Eggnog

1 tablespoon hot water
1 1/2 teaspoon instant
coffee crystals
4 cups eggnog
2 tablespoons brown
sugar
1/8 teaspoon ground
cinnamon
1/4 cup coffee liqueur
(optional)
1/4 cup brandy or
bourbon (optional)
1/2 cup whipping cream
1/4 cup sifted powdered
sugar
1/2 teaspoon vanilla
Instant coffee crystals
(optional)
Whipped cream

In a large mixing bowl
combine hot water and the 1
1/2 teaspoons coffee crys-
tals; stir to dissolve. Add
eggnog, brown sugar and
cinnamon. Beat with a
rotary mixer or whisk until
sugar is dissolved. Stir in
coffee liqueur and brandy or
bourbon. Chill thoroughly.
At serving time, in a small
mixing bowl beat whipping
cream, powdered sugar and
vanilla with an electric
mixer on high speed until

soft peaks form. Pour eggnog
mixture into 4-ounce cups or
glasses; top with whipped
cream and sprinkle with
additional coffee crystals.
Makes 8 to 10 servings.

December Cider

1 12-oz. can frozen apple
juice concentrate,
thawed
1 12-oz. can frozen
cranberry-apple juice
concentrate, thawed
1 6-oz. can frozen lemonade
concentrate, thawed
5 sticks cinnamon
1 teaspoon ground nutmeg
7 whole cloves
1/3 cup rum or cinnamon
schnapps (optional)

12 sticks of cinnamon
(optional)

In a 4-quart Dutch oven
or large kettle combine
apple juice concentrate,
cranberry-apple concentra-
te and six 12-ounce cans (9
cups) water. Stir in lemon-
ade concentrate, the 5 sticks
cinnamon, nutmeg and
cloves. Bring to boil; reduce
heat. Cover and simmer for
15 minutes. Remove cloves
and cinnamon before serv-
ing and discard. Stir in rum
or cinnamon schnapps. Pour
into twelve 8-ounce mugs or
glasses. Serve warm with
one of the remaining sticks
of cinnamon in each mug.
Makes 12 servings.

Have grape fun with non-alcoholic drinks

(NU)—Remember how much fun
grape juice was when you were a kid?
Along with graham crackers, it was the
"snack" at nursery school. And it
was the drink most moms served at
birthday parties.

But grape juice can also be the main
ingredient of festive drinks for adults.
In fact, at the turn of the century, when
the prohibition movement was gaining
strength, then-Secretary of State
William Jennings Bryan startled the
country—and no doubt his guests—by
serving Welch's Grape Juice at a full-
dress diplomatic function.

Around the holidays, grape juice is
the perfect base for non-alcoholic party
drinks that give even designated drivers
something to celebrate.

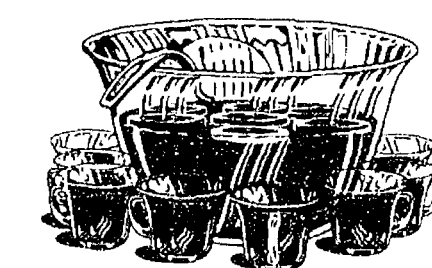
Combine all ingredients in sauce
pan. Bring to a boil and simmer for
3 minutes. Serve hot. Makes eighteen
1/2-cup servings.

Mimosa

1 12-oz. can of Welch's Frozen Orange-
Pineapple-Apple Concentrate
4 cups of non-alcoholic champagne
Water
Ice
1 Orange
Mix concentrate with 3 cans of
water (as directed on can). Place ice in
punch bowl and add juice mixture. Pour
in champagne just before company
arrives. Add slices of orange for gar-
nish. Makes twenty 1/2-cup servings.

Party Punch

2 46-oz. cans of pineapple juice
1 12-oz. can of Welch's Frozen
Cranberry Juice Concentrate
Block of ice
4 liters of ginger ale
3 lemons
3 scoops of rainbow sherbet
In separate bowl, combine pineapple
juice, cranberry juice cocktail and juice
of 3 lemons. Mix well. Place ice block
in large punch bowl. Pour juice mixture
over ice. Add ginger ale and sherbet
just before serving. Serves 24.



Hot Mulled Grape Juice

1 48-oz. bottle Welch's Grape Juice
3 cups of brewed tea
1 1/2 tsp. lemon concentrate
1 1/2 cups orange juice
3/4 cup granulated sugar
1 1/2 tsp. cinnamon
6 cloves



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hopes for renewed togetherness among all of nature's creations through-
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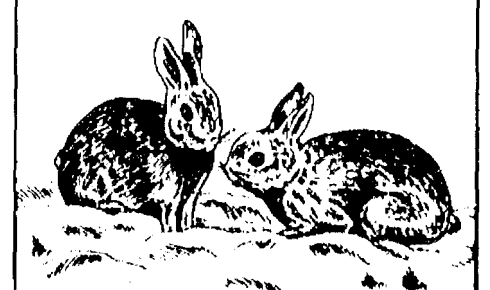
Old Mr. Santa Claus
What is keeping you?
Twilight and firelight
Shadows come and go;
Merry chime of sleighbells
Twinkling through the snow.
Mother's knitting stockings,
Pussy's got the ball.
Don't you think that Christmas
Is pleasantest of all?



*Happy
Holidays*

At Christmastime, we join
you in giving thanks to the Lord for
his many fine creations
both large and small.

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NOTES NORTHERN

Section C - Crawford County Avalanche

Thursday, December 22, 1994

Santa, making his list and checking it twice

By Don Geiss

Special to the Avalanche

Most people think of Santa Claus as a roly-poly man in a red suit, but few people are aware of the man behind the suit and the amount of work he does to get ready for Christmas Eve.

In order to answer the many questions about his life, the *Crawford County Avalanche*, sent a reporter to interview Santa and Mrs. Claus. Although they were very happy to meet with this reporter, they found it necessary to keep secret some portions of their gift program.

Santa was interviewed on a snowy day earlier in the month, while at the same time he was busy packaging presents and giving the elves instructions on where to store all of the millions of toys for good little girls and boys. Often it was difficult to hear the answers with all the noise being made in his workshop.

Santa said, "After all these years, we are accustomed to the noise. The racket keeps up all year long, because we start making new stuff as soon as Christmas is over."

He refused to give his age because he insists he has lost count.

Mrs. Claus said of her marriage to Santa, "We were married before he grew a beard and it really seems like forever. We have no children, but love the elves like they are our own. Santa treats them all as if they were more than just helpers."

Santa agreed to describe the activities in the workshop and the walled-in yard. He said, "Each elf has a special job that he or she does most of the year. Some put the wheels on toy cars and others put arms and legs on dolls."

Santa said, when Christmas nears, everyone, including Mrs. Claus, busy themselves in loading the sleigh.

Mrs. Claus pointed out that most of her time is taken up with cooking, because Santa has a big appetite and there are so many elves, that food just seems to disappear.

Santa commented, "I didn't go to any school to learn about making toys and delivering them to kids. Mrs. Claus and I learned about gift-giving

through what we call the 'school of hard knocks.' We did the job over and over until we got it right."

"Although it is very busy now, I still like to take the time to visit with the kids," Santa noted. "It's fun to talk things over with them about the world affairs and what they want for Christmas, but of course, I already know what most of them want because of my years of experience," he said.

Even if some of the children do not get to talk to Santa, he said to assure them that he still knows what they want because his mind can scan the world over.

Mrs. Claus expressed concern at one point about the difficulty Santa had in getting through the door.

She said, "I wish you would diet a little to lose some of that weight."

He replied, "How can I go on a diet when all the kids leave milk and cookies for me on Christmas Eve?"

Some of the elves interrupted the interview to ask Santa about storing some battery-operated cars. Santa explained to them that they should be certain not to put them away with the batteries included, because then the kids' dads would not be able to make a special trip to the store on Christmas Eve just to get the batteries. He said, "I plan it that way so the dads can get a break from all of the clutter and noise."

At this point in the interview, it was easy to see that Santa was getting a little itchy about any more talk. He began pacing the floor and looking out the door toward the yard.

"I wonder if anyone has fed the reindeer?" he asked. He pointed out that in years gone by the reindeer could feed right out in the yard because the hot lights melted the snow and the grass remained green.

"Now," he said, "The new cool lights will not melt the snow. Good people down below ship us hay, though, and it gets out fast because of the improved highways."

He called to one of the elves to turn on the work lights in the yard. "We turn up the lights when we're ready to store all the gifts on outside shelves," Santa said. "The presents are put on the shelves there, so they are closer to the sleigh. It makes loading easier," Santa noted.

He interrupted the interview with one of his Ho! Ho! Ho! belly laughs when he saw one of the elves trip over a box and land in a big box of shredded paper.

Some of the elves were asked to begin painting the sleigh while others were put to work polishing the bells that go around the reindeer's necks. One elf, with an apron, was rubbing the leather harness with some oil to make it soft. Meanwhile, the reindeer were stirring around and stamping their feet.

Santa said, "They always do that when they know that soon the trip will start so that we can visit all of the good girls and boys."

Santa dashed off into the yard and left us alone momentarily with Mrs. Claus. She told us a secret that has been kept for many years. It was the secret of how Santa manages to reach every boy and girl in one evening.

"Remember," she said, "as he goes around the world there are time changes that help to save many hours. The reindeer have made the trip so many times they never lose time and the newer sleighs are very streamlined to make them faster. He has so much extra time that all the cookies the children leave for him disappear very fast," she said.

"Even when the reindeer and I leave, the place will still be busy because the elves will start to clean up and check parts for the many different kinds of toys," Santa said. "I don't take much of a rest after Christmas, because there is too much to do to get ready for another trip next year," he noted.

Mrs. Claus said, "He is always so busy that I only see him most days for a quick meal and at bedtime. He refuses to slow down, and I doubt if

there is anyone to take his place even if he did."

This reporter had to leave then because only Santa, Mrs. Claus and the elves are allowed to stay when the

sleigh is loaded. In just a few days, Santa will be taking off for his trip. His neighbors say that the last thing he does before he leaves is to sing out to the reindeer, "Now, Dasher! Now,

Dancer! Now, Prancer and Vixen! On, Comet! On, Cupid! On, Donner and Blitzen!" and shouts out a jolly "Ho! Ho! Ho!" as the reindeer glide into the sky.



HO HO HO! On a recent trip to Grayling, Santa stopped at GSB and talked to some children. Mason Krey, of Grayling, is shown talking to Santa. Mason is the son of Tim & Laurie Krey.

From fish expert to expert carpenter

By Don Geiss

Special to the Avalanche

"My life with the fish followed by my life as a handyman," might well be the title of a book written about Bernie Engel.

Perhaps that book title could read "Fish Expert to Carpenter, a Tale of a Hard Working Man," because Engel fills both of those descriptions in a superb fashion.

Engel said, "I was very fortunate to have had the opportunity to live near one of Michigan's major trout hatcheries. When I agreed to take over the task of superintendent at the Grayling Hatchery, it was the best decision I ever made in my life."

Born 84 years ago, Engel enjoyed life near a Michigan fishing showplace on U.S. 131 near Paris, MI. He has written in *A Page From History — Life in Early Michigan Conservation* that, "The many people passing by would stop to look at the fish and the surrounding grounds that were kept with many beautiful trees and flowerbeds in the summertime."

Even as a small boy, Engel faced hard work because the money was scarce and job opportunities not that plentiful. An early job remembrance was an agreement to split 10 cords of wood at 10 cents per cord. It took him all summer to cut the wood, which actually measured out at 11 cords when he was finished, but the lady held him to the 10 cord agreement and paid him one dollar.

After several more years, Engel took

summer jobs working on a farm. One summer he was offered a job working on the new highway that was being constructed in front of the Paris Fish Hatchery. The position paid 35 cents per hour.

One Saturday night, Engel came home from his road construction job to find an offer waiting for him to go to work at the hatchery, beginning the following Monday morning. The offer was for \$3 per 9-hour day. An old timer working on the road work advised him to take the job because the next road job would take him far away from Paris. The man pointed out to Engel that to stay would require him to pay room and board.

His first job was to mow the lawn in the summer with a hand mower. He said, "There were acres of lawn to mow and dozens of trees to clip grass from." Years went by and he was finally allowed to handle some fish. He could then call himself a fish culturist, as they were called in those days.

Engel said, "We were lucky to have a job like that in those days because common labor paid \$1 per day." After four years he was given the job in 1932 as a fish feeder. It was his job to grind the fish food (sheep liver), for three other hatcheries plus the feeding of 23 fish ponds and several raceways at Paris.

Married in 1937, to Treva from Reed City, the couple eventually had a boy and a girl. Two years later he was given a caretaker's job at the Farwell Station on the North Branch of the

Tobacco River. It was only open during the summer and was a location where small trout were reared until planting time in the fall. Facilities were primitive and included an outhouse, and had no electricity, telephone or running water.

Treva washed their clothes with a bench wringer, two metal tubs and a wash board. The water was heated in a copper boiler on a 2-burner oil stove. Spring water flowing through a log building served to keep both fish food and family food supplies.

Engel said, "On occasion when it rained, I worked all night long keeping the screens cleaned that were across the pond entrances and exits. When there was a terrible rainstorm one night my wife carried a lantern so I could see to keep the screens clean. We had borrowed a pair of hip boots for her from a neighbor. Toward morning the rain let up and we were able to call it a day."

By this time, Engel had been promoted to senior fish culturist at \$10 more per month. As year went by, Engel carried a much heavier load including that of carpenter and maintenance and repair man along with the fish culturist job.

"At this stage of the game I was expected to take over in the absence of the supervisor," Engel said. "It was a rather frightening experience at times, but I was glad to have had the chance to do those things as a promotion was in store for me."

He was informed about a vacancy at the Grayling Fish Hatchery and asked to start in January of 1950. He and Treva drove to Grayling to look things over and they decided to make the move.

The couple and their two small children made the move and rented a home in Grayling.

Engel said, "I had a crew of 17 men and all were strangers to me. Not knowing their capabilities made it doubly difficult."

The hatchery serviced eight counties, hundreds of miles of streams and many lakes. In 1966 the hatchery ceased its operation as a production

station and was devoted entirely to research.

At this stage, Engel went on the road as a builder and maintenance repair man at the various stations in northern Michigan. Eight years later, in 1974, Engel retired from the DNR and began what can perhaps be best described as his second job of volunteering. He worked at AuSage Acres in the senior citizens program as a finished carpenter, helping to construct the recreation room.

During the period up to the present, Engel acted as a transporter for the River House Shelter and for the seniors. He built storage facilities at River House and did many construction jobs at his church, Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church. During that period, Treva and Bernie led square dances at the senior center and at other locations in the area.

When the fish hatchery committee, under the Crawford County Board of Commissioners, took over the hatchery, Engel worked as a volunteer talking to the public and selling fish food for three hours, one day a week.

Engel remembers that an article calling him the "neighborhood handyman" was written in the *Bay City Times*.

"For seven years and seven weeks, one and one-half hours a day, I drove Helen Roblin around the countryside," he said. "She was home-bound and needed the fresh air."

Along the line, Bernie and Treva built their own home and Bernie continues to do much of the maintenance. He admits, though, that some things like raking are too stressful for his arthritis.

There can be no better close on this greatly abbreviated story of Engel's life than to use his own quote about his decisions in life's work.

Engel said, "My great love for the big out-of-doors and the closeness and beauty of nature inspired me to want to be a part of the picture that was unfolding and taking shape, and be able to say I had a small part in helping to put the pieces of the puzzle together as God and nature intended."

Santa Claus' Sleigh Ride Started in ... Turkey?

(NU) - Santa Claus, Father Christmas, Kris Kringle: Whatever you call the beloved symbol of Christmas, you probably imagine him living at the North Pole, surrounded by elves and reindeer.

But the real St. Nicholas lived in a warm, sunny town on the Mediterranean — in what is now Turkey.

According to Catholic Church history, St. Nicholas was born in the town of Patara in 245 A.D.

When he was a young man, his wealthy father died and left Nicholas a great fortune. Instead of spending it on himself, Nicholas started anonymously giving money to the needy, especially children.

Nicholas eventually moved to Myra (modern-day Demre) after a trip to the Holy Land. One morning, he walked into a church to find the town elders congratulating him as the municipality's new bishop. According to Turkish legend, the elders had gathered the previous evening and heard a voice tell them that the first man to enter the church the next day would be bishop.

During his many years as Bishop of Myra, Nicholas reportedly performed several miracles, including saving

sailors from drowning and resurrecting three boys who had been killed by an evil butcher. In Catholicism, St. Nicholas is the patron saint of children, sailors, teachers, students and merchants.

The most famous St. Nicholas story led to the legend of Santa Claus. A nobleman who had fallen on hard times lived near Patara with his three beautiful daughters. Because he could not pay their dowries, the daughters had no chance of marriage.

One night, Nicholas threw a sack of gold through a window of the nobleman's shabby castle. The nobleman and his daughters were delighted, but the money was only enough to pay for one wedding. So on another night, Nicholas threw a second sack through the window.

But when Nicholas returned with a third sack, he found the window closed. He climbed onto the roof and dropped the sack down the chimney. The next morning, the daughters found gold in the stockings they had hung to dry by the fireplace the previous evening.

About 1,700 years later, many people worldwide hang stockings by fireplaces and hope for a visit from Old St. Nick.



Bernie Engel

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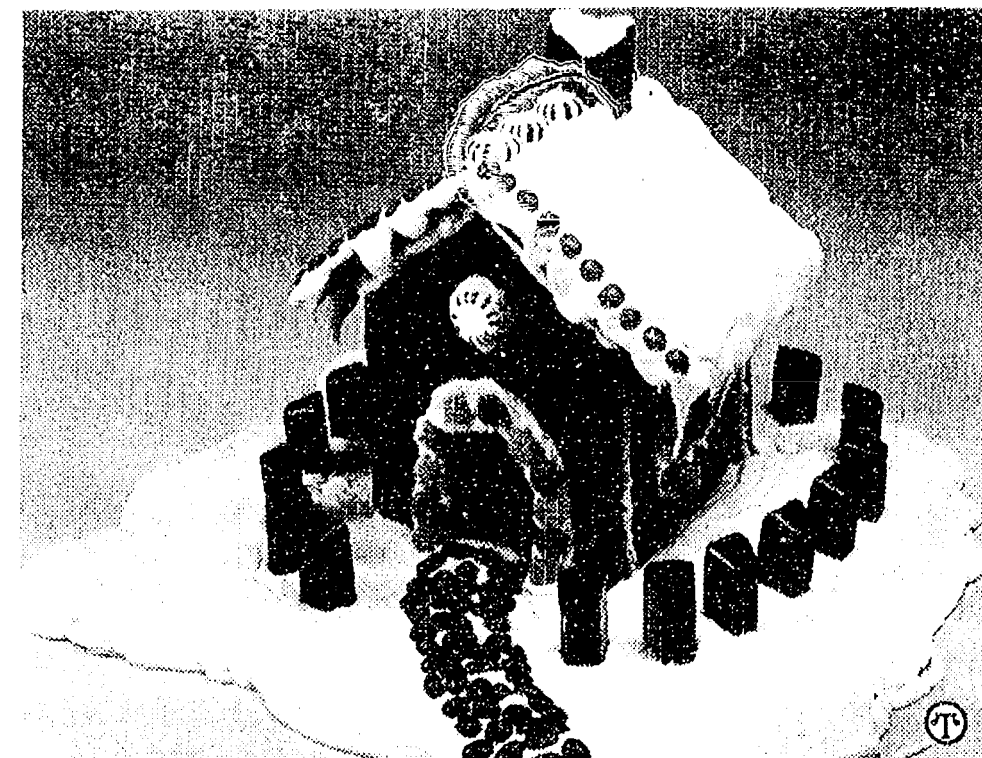
(NAPS)—Here's a cookie cooking project that will bring a warm welcome to your kitchen and a big welcome from your kids who can join in the fun. The holidays are a particularly sweet time for families to gather and share in the spirit of baking special treats.

HOLIDAY TOLL HOUSE
(Makes one house)
COOKIE HOUSE
2 cups granulated sugar
3 ounces (3 envelopes) Nestlé Toll House Choco Bake Unsweetened Chocolate Flavor
10 tablespoons (1 1/4 sticks) butter or margarine, softened
1/3 cup light corn syrup
1 egg
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
4 cups all-purpose flour
Cookie House patterns (directions follow)

WHITE SNOW FROSTING
2 cups (12-ounce package) Nestlé Toll House Premier White Morsels
1/3 cup milk
3 3/4 cups (1-pound box) powdered sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla extract

DECORATIONS
8 bars (two 8-ounce boxes) Nestlé Toll House Semi-Sweet Baking Chocolate
Nestlé Raisinets
Candy
Assorted colored candies

FOR COOKIE HOUSE:
BEAT sugar, Choco Bake, butter, corn syrup, egg and vanilla in large mixer bowl until smooth. Gradually beat in flour. Add 1 tablespoon additional corn syrup if mixture is too crumbly to hold together. Press into 3 flat disks. If dough is very soft, cover and chill until firmer.



ROLL one disk between two sheets of wax paper to 3/8-inch thick rectangle. (If bottom sheet of wax paper becomes wrinkled, turn over and re-adjust paper.) Remove top sheet of wax paper. Cut out shapes using two lightly floured pattern pieces; remove extra dough. Invert onto ungreased baking sheet using bottom piece of wax paper. Continue with remaining dough and patterns.

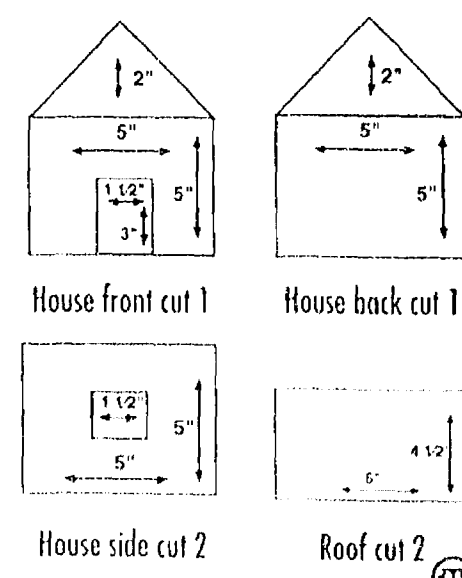
BAKE in preheated 350°F. oven for 10 to 12 minutes or until cookie is firm. Check to see if pieces match patterns; trim, if necessary, while dough is hot. Let stand for 5 minutes; remove to wire racks to cool completely.

FOR PREMIER WHITE FROSTING:
MICROWAVE morsels and milk in large, microwave-safe mixer bowl on MEDIUM-HIGH (70%) power for 1 minute; stir well. Microwave at additional 10 to 20 second intervals, stirring until smooth; cool to room temperature.

ADD powdered sugar and vanilla; beat with electric mixer until smooth. Add small amount of milk, if necessary; frosting should be very stiff but spreadable. Keep covered.

TO ASSEMBLE TOLL HOUSE:

FROST entire surface of foil-covered tray or cardboard with frosting. Spread a generous amount of frosting along side edges of the four wall pieces; press walls of house together. Spread extra frosting in joints to reinforce. Allow to dry until firm. Glue on roof pieces with more frosting, allowing an overhang. Frost roof. Allow to dry. Cut baking bars into four sections each. For chimney, glue two sections together with frosting, top sides together; adhere to roof. For fence, place remaining bars around house. For walkway, scatter Raisinets up to doorway. Glue candies around door, windows and fence with frosting, as desired.



Honey: It's not just a topping anymore

(NU)—Once upon a time, not so long ago, honey was thought of mostly as a topping for English muffins or a sweetener for tea. Not any more!

Today, honey is making a comeback as an ingredient in countless products on supermarket shelves and in countless concoctions in kitchens across the nation. Try these scrumptious Honey Currant Scones—one batch will make you a believer.

Honey Currant Scones
(Makes 8 scones)

2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
2 tsp. grated orange peel
1 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. baking soda
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 cup butter or margarine
1/2 cup currants
1/2 cup dairy sour cream
1/3 cup honey
1 egg, slightly beaten
Combine flour, orange peel, baking powder, baking soda and salt in a large

bowl; mix well. Cut in butter until mixture resembles size of small peas. Add currants. Combine sour cream, honey and egg in medium bowl; mix well. Stir honey mixture into dry mixture to form soft dough. Knead dough on lightly floured surface 10 times.

Shape dough into 8-inch square. Cut into four squares; cut each square diagonally into two triangles. Place triangles on greased baking sheet. Bake in preheated 375°F oven 15 to 20 minutes or until golden brown. Serve warm.

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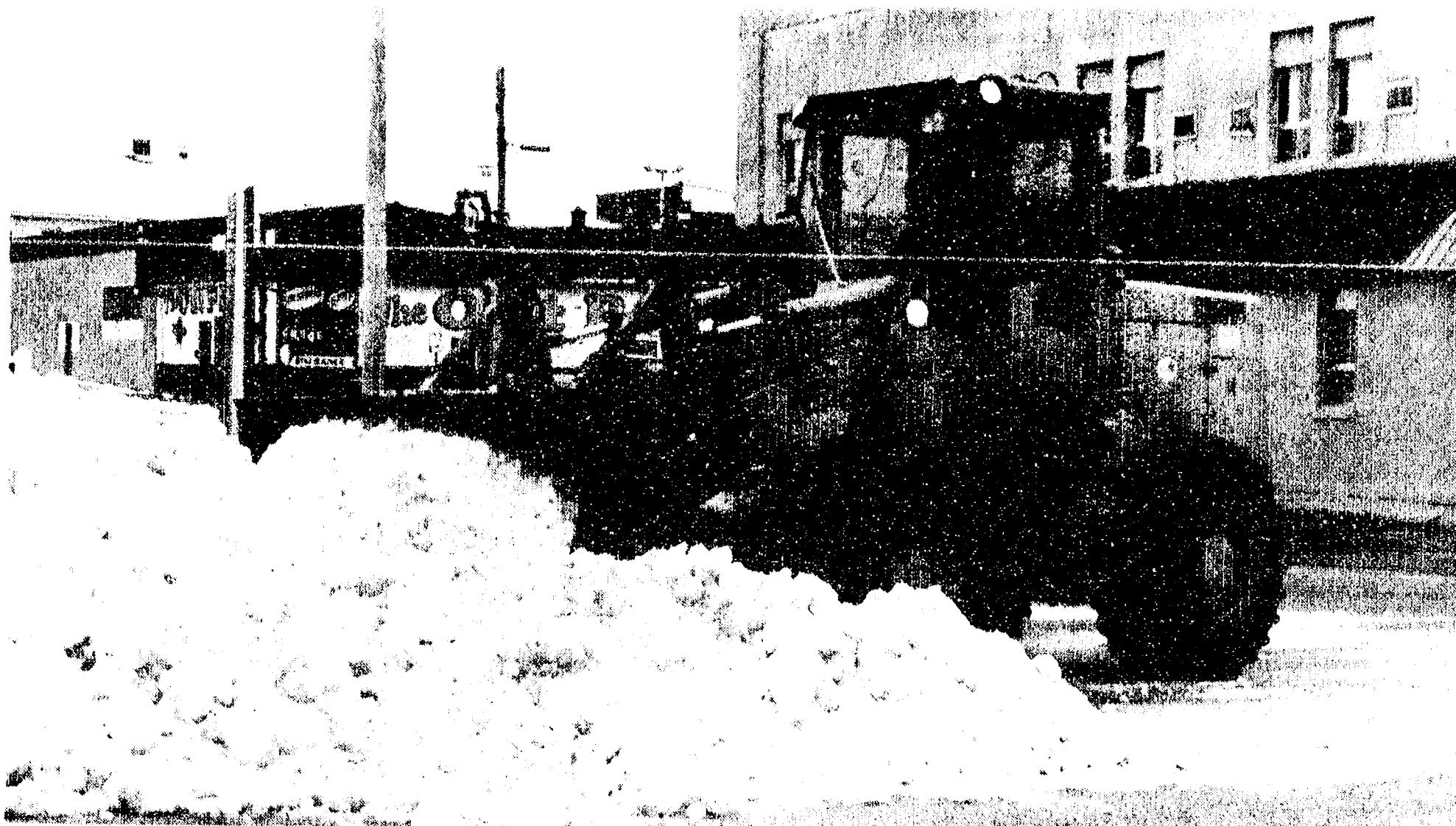
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National Honor Society hosts 'Meet the Grads'

On Friday, Dec. 23, Grayling High School will host the traditional "Meet the Grads Day," in the high school library. To those unfamiliar with the

ceremony, "Meet the Grads," is a unique opportunity for recent alumni of G.H.S. to present their experiences concerning continued education for

current juniors and seniors. Persons who have enrolled in colleges or universities, students of technical or vocational schools, and members of

the armed services, are all welcome to participate in the event by sharing their feelings about the transfer from G.H.S. to other educational positions.

The reception will be held in the G.H.S. library from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon. All former graduates presently seeking post secondary education are cordially invited to attend. This event is hosted by the AuSable Chapter of the National Honor Society, with the assistance of the Grayling High School Counseling Department. All persons currently involved in continued education are encouraged to attend the annual presentation of this event.

Poster contest emphasizes importance of severe weather preparedness

The Michigan Committee for Severe Weather Awareness is sponsoring a Severe Weather Awareness Poster Contest, open to all students currently enrolled in fourth and fifth grades. The deadline to enter is Feb. 1, 1995.

Posters must emphasize the importance of being prepared in the event of severe weather, such as tornadoes, floods, snow storms and thunderstorms, according to contest sponsors.

The first place winner will receive a \$200 U.S. Savings Bond; second place will be awarded a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond; third place will receive a \$75 U.S. Savings Bond and honorable mention will be awarded a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond. Also, each winner's school will receive a weather radio.

Posters must be 15 inch by 20 inch and submitted on quality tag, poster or illustration board. The work must be original and may be in any media with the exception of pencil, chalk or charcoal. All posters will become the property of the sponsoring organization. The artist's name, age, grade, home address and telephone number, along with the name, address and telephone number of the student's school, and art instructor (if any), must be attached to the back of the poster on a 3-inch-by-5-inch index card.

Entries must be postmarked no later than midnight Feb. 1, 1995. To enter, send posters wrapped flat to National Weather Service Forecast Office, 9200 White Lake Road, White Lake, MI 48386. For further information,

contact John Kottke at the National Weather Service (810) 625-3309, or Lori White at the Michigan Association of Insurance Companies (517) 482-1643.

The Michigan Committee for Severe Weather Awareness was formed in 1991 to coordinate public information efforts regarding flood, tornado, and winter safety. The committee includes representatives from the National Weather Service, Emergency Management Division of the Michigan State Police, Michigan Association of Insurance Companies, Michigan Emergency Management Association, Department of Natural Resources, Michigan Association of Insurance Agents, Mid-Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross and WDIV-TV in Detroit.

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I like my brother Tyler.
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Because they are my family.

By Brad Galloway
I like Christmas, because it is my favorite time of the year.

By Dusty Parens
I like Christmas, because I like to celebrate Jesus' birthday.

By Matt L. Larson
I like making cookies, because they are good.

By Sammi Wakeley
I like Christmas, because it is my favorite holiday.

By Morgan Ward
I like my Aunt Jamie coming to my Grandma's.
And I miss my Aunt Jamie.
And she is coming to Christmas!

By Amanda Lutz
I like Christmas, because I like the Christmas carols.
And I like to go and get to see the Christmas lights.

By Meghan Thomas
I like Christmas, just because it is.

By Ryan Feldhauser
I like Christmas, because we put up lights.

By Jamie Wyss
I like Christmas, because my dad gets to come home.

By Billy Stewart
I get to see my family.
I get to see my Grandpa and Grandma at Christmas.

By Michael Barry
I like Christmas, because we get to set up Christmas lights.

By Jessica Thomson
I like the snowflakes in the winter snow.
Christmas is fun!

By Austin Andrus
I make cookies with my aunt and my sister Kelsey at Christmas.

By Damon Scharrer
Christmas is about love and caring.
And it is my favorite holiday.

By Chelsea Anne Wolcott
I like Christmas, because I get to go places, like my Grandma's.

By Jackie Kinyon
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4-H was fortunate to have several

parents on hand to help, along with 15 contestants from Grayling Junior Miss, their director and coaches.

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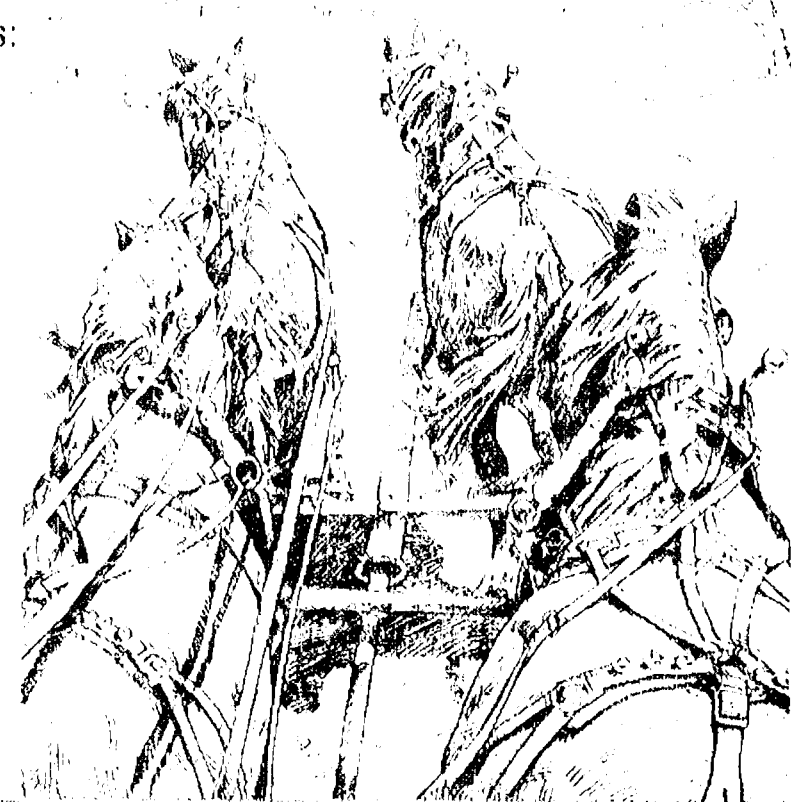
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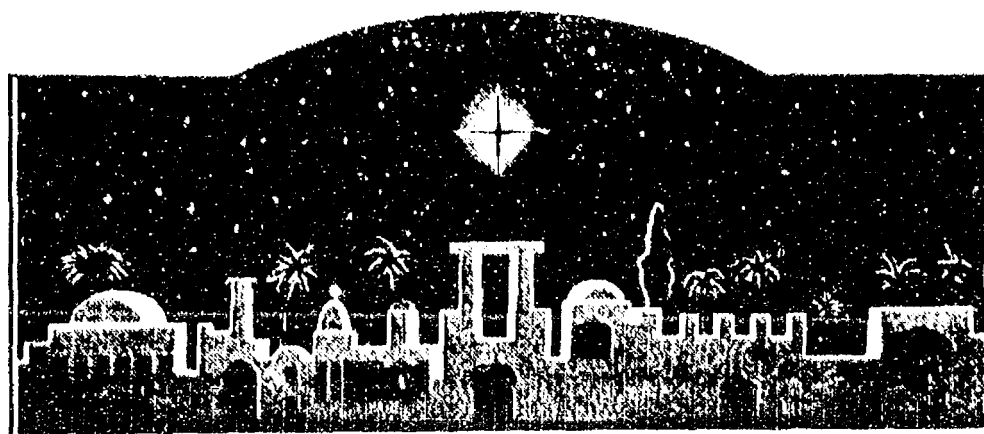
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2/3 cup lemonade
2 large eggs
1/2 cup mixed green and red candied cherries
1/2 cup chopped mixed nuts
1/2 cup golden raisins
1/2 cup orange-flavored liqueur or orange juice
2 pkgs. (10 oz. each) vanilla-flavored candy melting wafers or 20 oz. white chocolate
1/3 cup light corn syrup
Shelled and unshelled nuts covered with vark or with silver and gold foil (see note at end)

Mix as cake package label directs; stir in cherries, chopped nuts and raisins. Pour into prepared pan. Bake one hour or until cake tester inserted in center comes out clean. Cool cake in pan on wire rack 15 minutes. Remove pan side; cool completely. Remove foil. Brush cake with liqueur or orange juice. Wrap in cheesecloth and then foil. Refrigerate at least two days or several weeks before decorating.

Unwrap cake. Place on serving plate and let come to room temperature.

Meanwhile, in top of double boiler placed over simmering (not boiling) water, melt candy wafers, stirring often. Remove from heat and stir in corn syrup just until blended. Set aside.

Line two large baking sheets with foil. On foil on one baking sheet, spread three fourths of melted candy mixture. Cover with sheet of waxed paper; roll into a 14-by-12-inch rectangle. On second baking sheet, spread remaining mixture; cover with waxed paper. Roll into a 9-inch round. Refrigerate until

firm. Remove waxed paper sheets; with sharp knife, cut two 14-by-2-inch strips from candy rectangle, cutting through foil. Place one strip, foil side out, around side of cake; remove foil. Repeat with remaining candy strip, trimming strip to fit. With hands, press strips around cake. With tip of warm knife, smooth seams. Place candy round, foil side out, on cake top. Remove foil; with tip of warm knife, smooth seams. With small knife, cut out leaves from remaining candy strip. If necessary, remelt scraps to make additional leaves. Roll small pieces of candy mixture

into berries. Using photograph as a guide, arrange leaves, berries and nuts on cake. If desired, decorate with gold and silver decorations.

Makes about 16 servings.

Note: Vark is edible gold and silver leaf, available at East Indian grocery stores. To use vark to cover shelled and unshelled nuts: Place vark on work surface; remove covering tissue. Brush nuts with lightly beaten egg white. Without touching vark with hands, use knife tip to roll nuts in vark until coated. Use tweezers or chopsticks to move nuts.

How to be a blooming genius

(NAPS)—While the poinsettia has become synonymous with the holiday season, there are a number of other indoor plant varieties that also are highly regarded as holiday symbols.

Two in particular, the Norfolk Island Pine and the Christmas cactus, are not only attractive plants, they require little beyond the normal care given to any houseplant.

The Norfolk Island Pine is one of the most handsome of all indoor trees, and as its name implies, looks like a miniature pine tree. When potted in an attractive red or green container such as the New Age planter from Garden Scene, during the holidays it can be decorated to resemble a tiny Christmas tree.

The Christmas cactus is an attractive winter-blooming indoor plant that produces large trumpet-shaped flowers in

red or salmon-pink, generally around Christmas, thus its common name. When planted in a white New Age planter to set off the color of its blossoms, it becomes a beautiful holiday decoration.

Both the plants and planters are available at most garden supply stores, greenhouses, discount and general merchandise stores, and home and hardware centers. And because Garden Scene planters are made of plastic, they come in a wide variety of shapes, sizes and colors to accent any room decor.

Unlike the beautiful but temperamental poinsettia which generally does not last much beyond the new year, the Norfolk Island Pine and Christmas cactus are attractive and sturdy year-round indoor plants. The pine likes good light, cool temperatures and prefers dry soil, especially during the winter heating

season. When watering, always err on the side of dryness.



The Christmas cactus likes a potting soil that contains sphagnum moss or very coarse peat. Beyond that, treat it as you would any other houseplant. In summer place it outdoors in a shaded spot, and don't be surprised if it decides to bloom again in early summer, as well as again next Christmas.

Yule log respected

The Yule log was once an important symbol of the holiday season. Not just any kind of wood would do. Oak logs served in the north of England and birch in Scotland, but in Cornwall and Devon it was ash, because, according to tradition, the first Christmas fire was lit in the Bethlehem stable by a shepherd boy who, seeing that the Holy Family was cold, ran out and gathered ash wood — the only wood that burns freely when green — and soon made a fine blaze.

But whatever the wood for the log, maids weren't allowed to touch it with dirty hands, children couldn't sit on it, and in medieval England such great respect was paid to it, or what it stood for, that people who passed touched their hats to it.

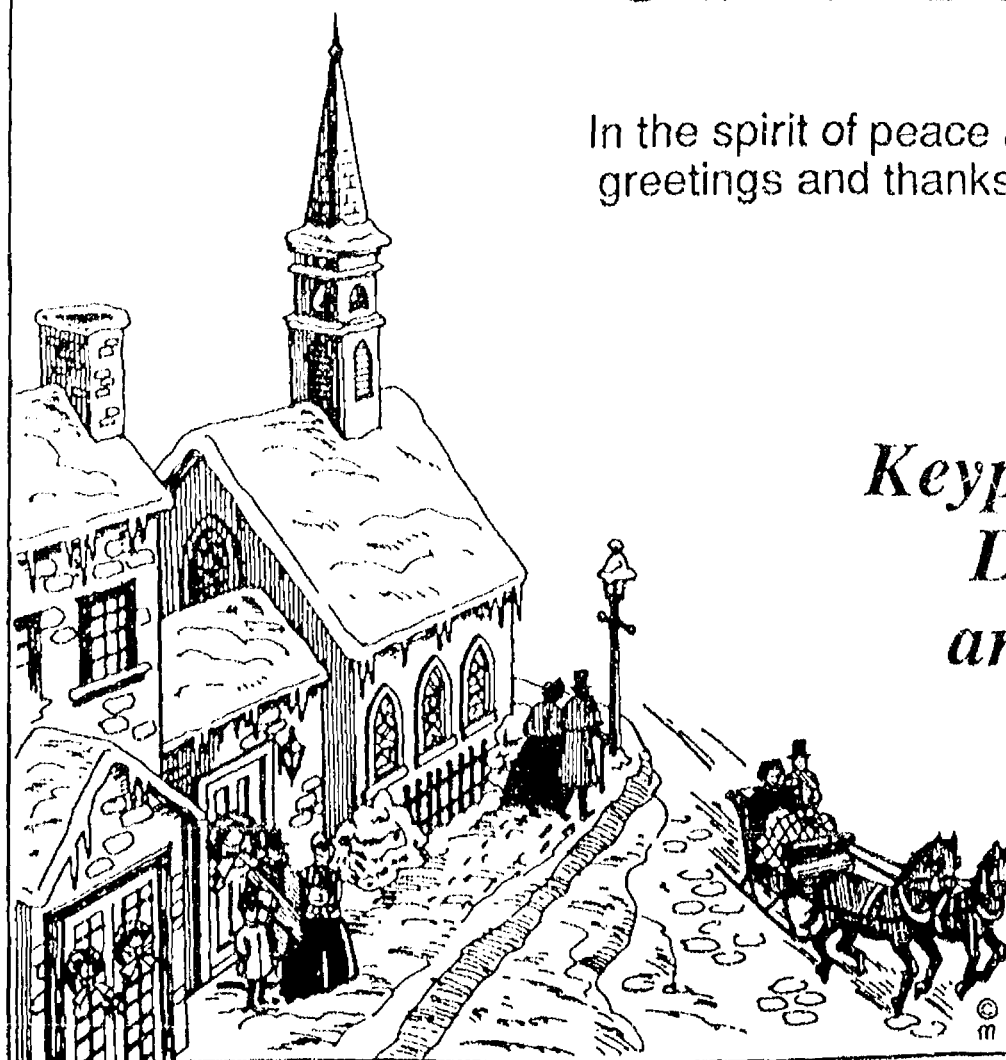
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you've shown us through the year!
We join with you in praying for
a world filled with peace and joy.

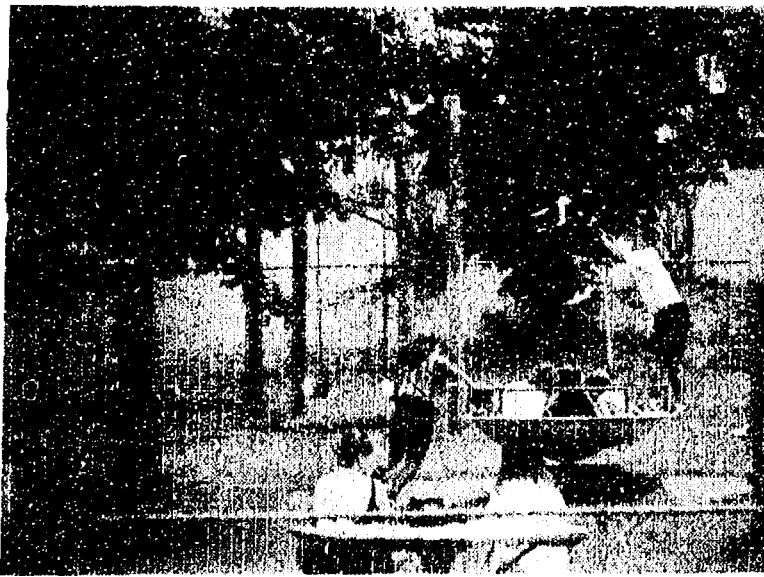


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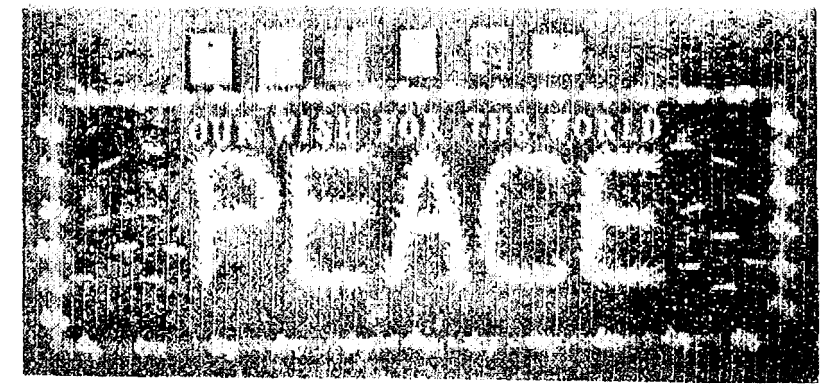
How do people affect their community? Drive through your hometown, and the surrounding areas, in order to answer that question. Everywhere you look there are signs of how just a little extra effort can really make a difference for our community.



There are many fraternal groups that provide a means of fellowship and a valuable social network for the entire community. Their efforts provide support for many organizations locally, regionally, and nationally. Examples of fraternal support within the community include donations to libraries, youth groups, and special needs groups.

Throughout the year, you'll find carnivals, festivals, fairs and craft shows that not only show off local talents and skills, but provide a means of entertainment for young and old alike.

And if you look even deeper, you'll find a community with a heart. Throughout the year several organizations, including churches, youth groups and businesses band together to gather food donations for the local pantry to provide meals for the less fortunate in our area. In the past, local groups and citizens have gathered food, water and supplies to help the unfortunate victim from other areas as well, such as the flood victims of the midwest and hurricane victims of the south. And



when tragedy struck here in Crawford County with a devastating forest fire, there was never a shortage for local support anywhere.

Now consider a small town's economy. With little or no support, it can be a struggle for all involved: business owners, employees, suppliers, and venders etc. But gather the combined strength and heart of a community of 12,000 plus in an effort to help its own, and that small town's economy will benefit enormously. By combining its resources of money and talent, people can affect the direction and progress of their community. By putting their earnings back into their community through goods and services, that money can circulate through the community seven to ten times paying local wages and taxes.

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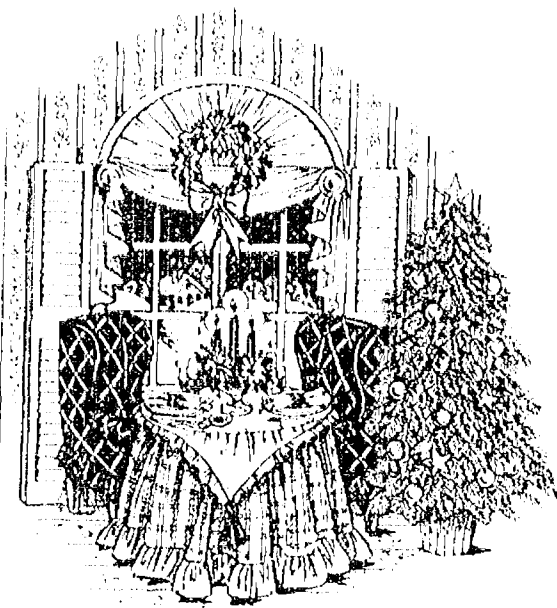
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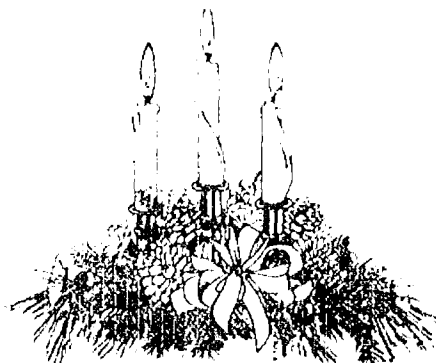
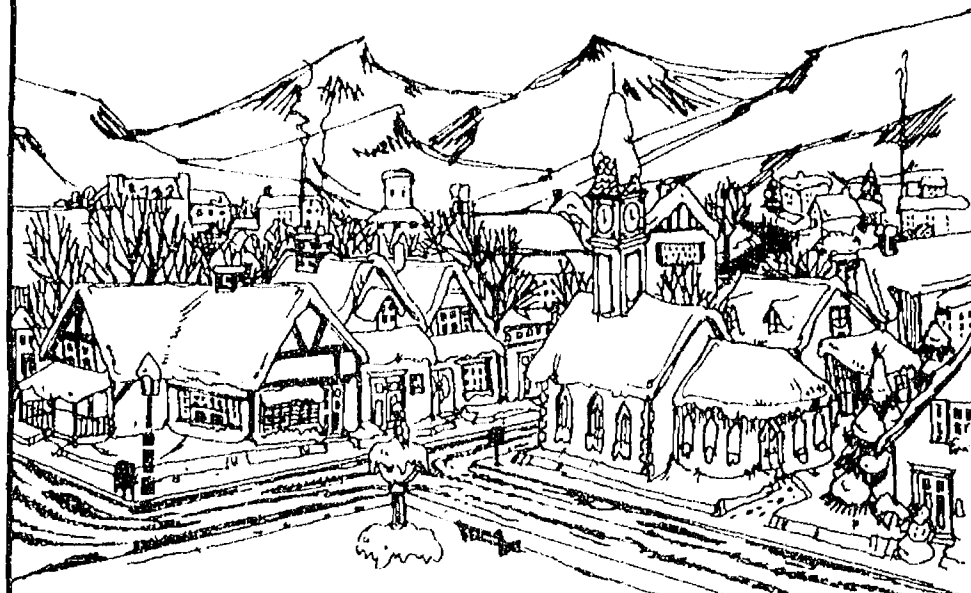
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Season's Greetings

Cooking corner tips to help you 'Tis the season to be baking

(NAPS)—Search the back of cabinets for those lost rolling pins, cookie cutters and pie plates. Dust off your treasured collection of recipes handed down from generation to generation...it's time to bake. Homemade treats and sweets are a traditional and long awaited part of the season.

Although finding the time to measure and mix this time of year can be difficult, the warm delicious aromas and sumptuous homemade results make it well worth the effort. All fruit spreads sweetened with fruit juice concentrates turn ordinary recipes into extraordinary creations. They add a festive finishing touch and a sumptuous fruit flavor to cheesecakes, cookies, pastries and tarts. The Polaner Test Kitchens, in the spirit of the season, have assembled some wonderful baking ideas and decorating tips that are sure to be a welcome addition to your family's baking tradition.

• Chocolate layer cake becomes a decadent dessert to impress all your friends and family. Spread Seedless Raspberry Polaner All Fruit between layers of cooled cake and assemble as usual. Frost the sides and top of cake with whipped cream made with rum extract in place of vanilla and top with shaved chocolate.

• Add some holiday sparkle to your favorite cheesecake with a warm fruit sauce that is ready in minutes. Simply combine two cups frozen, defrosted and drained strawberries with 1/2 cup Strawberry All Fruit. Heat and stir over low heat until warm.

• Cookies, unfrosted cakes and fruit pies can be prepared and frozen for up to two weeks. So begin baking early and avoid the rush. Store in a zip top plastic bag or wrap securely in plastic wrap. Simply defrost when needed.

• Fruit tarts become works of art with glazed fruit toppings. After bak-

ing, top with fresh raspberries, blueberries or strawberries then brush with warm All Fruit.

• Cookies drizzled with All Fruit instead of chocolate make a colorful and festive addition to the cookie tray. Place Seedless Raspberry All Fruit in a zip top plastic bag and squeeze gently until smooth. Snip off a small section from the corner and drizzle.

Holiday Fruit Tarts provide a festive finale for any gathering. Best of all, it can be made up to two days in advance.

FRUIT TARTS

- 3 cups plain nonfat yogurt
- PAM® No Stick Cooking Spray
- 1 3/4 cups regular oats, uncooked
- 1/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 6 tablespoons butter or margarine, melted
- 12 ounces low fat cream cheese, softened
- 6 tablespoons sugar
- 1 tablespoon grated lemon rind
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- Fruit Sauce (recipe below)

Place yogurt in a coffee filter lined colander; set over a large bowl and cover with plastic wrap. Refrigerate and

drain 12 hours.

Preheat oven to 350°F. Spray ten 4-inch tartlet pans with PAM. In a food processor bowl process oats, brown sugar and flour until finely ground. Add butter, process until combined. Place three tablespoons oat mixture in each tartlet pan; press evenly on bottom and 1/2-inch up sides. Place tartlet pans on a jelly roll sheet; bake 15 to 17 minutes or until golden. Cool completely on wire racks.

In medium bowl beat cream cheese until smoo-

th. Stir in drained yogurt, sugar, lemon rind and juice. Spoon evenly into prepared crusts. Top with two tablespoons fruit sauce. Cover and chill at least three hours. Makes 10 servings.

FRUIT SAUCE

- 1/2 cup Seedless Raspberry Polaner® All Fruit® Spreadable Fruit
- 2 cups frozen raspberries, thawed and drained

In a medium saucepan stir All Fruit over low heat until smooth. Stir in fruit.

M.S.U. EXTENSION

By Elizabeth McMillin, Family Nutrition Education Program Coordinator, Crawford County MSU Extension

Cholesterol and fat content of wild game

For Michigan hunters, wild game is a popular dinner item at this time of year. Wild game — from beef to poultry — can be served in many savory ways.

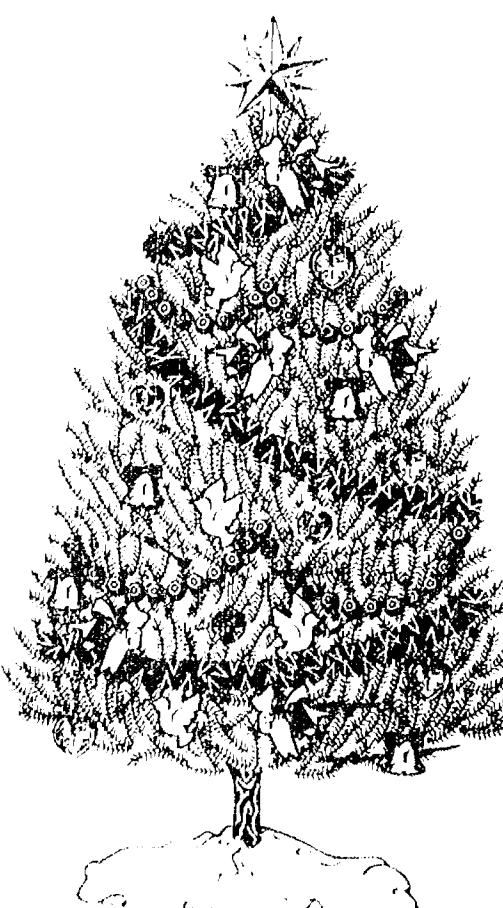
Proper handling from the field to the table is of utmost importance to ensure food safety and quality. For information on dressing, handling, and storing your game, contact the Crawford County M.S.U. Extension office at 348-2841.

Wild meat is not only tasty, but also nutritious. Wild animals and birds tend to get more exercise than farm-bred animals, so wild meat has considerably less fat than meat from domestic animals. Game meat tends to have about the same amount of cholesterol as beef or pork. Though there are 113 milligrams (mg) of cholesterol 3.5 ounces of venison — a little over one-third of the American Heart Association's recommended intake of 300 mg per day — it is low in total fat.

A report published by Marty Marchello, of North Dakota State University, analyzed the raw loin muscles of mammals trimmed of all outside fat and raw breast muscle of birds with the skin removed to produce the table of data below. The beef sample is well-trimmed USDA standard grade and all samples are 100 grams (3.5 ounces) of raw meat. Note that the cholesterol values of venison can vary with the species and the buffalo seems to store more fat than deer and antelope.

Meat	Fat (grams)	Cholesterol (milligrams)	Calories
Beef	2.7	69	158
Pork	4.9	71	165
White-tailed deer	1.4	113	153
Mule deer	1.6	85	151
Antelope	1.0	113	148
Buffalo	3.2	45	146
Squirrel	3.2	83	149
Cottontail rabbit	2.4	77	144
Chicken (domestic)	0.7	58	140
Turkey (domestic)	1.5	60	146
Turkey (wild)	1.1	58	158
Pheasant	0.6	49	149
Canada Goose	3.9	105	171
Mallard	2.0	143	154

Many hunters also like organ meats. The cholesterol content of heart muscle is 275 mg per 3.5 ounces, but it is low in total fat. Liver is a rich source of cholesterol, with 450 mg per 3.5 ounces. Anyone eating organ meats should eat moderate portions and choose low-cholesterol foods for the rest of the day.



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By Joe Murphy

A Child Born

On a cold winter night in Bethlehem town
In a stable's manger a baby lay
It is the birth of that baby born in a stable
That we celebrate on Christmas day

For that baby was the Son of God
To whom the virgin mother Mary gave birth
It is that birth of the Baby Jesus
That gave hope of salvation to man on earth

For that baby grew to be Jesus Christ
Who offers man eternal life
In the mansions of His Father
Free of earthly troubles and strife

Those who believe and follow His teachings
As set forth in God's holy book
Will in its pages find answers to life's problems
If he will only take the time to look

Our world of today with all its problems
Of crime, pestilence, drugs and war
If we lived according to His teachings
Would not be a problem anymore

Simply by extending the hand of brotherhood
Instead of a hand holding gun or sword
Giving help to a fallen brother
Would be according to the teachings of our Lord

Let us not forget the true meaning of Christmas
As we celebrate this holy holiday
For the answer to our problem lies
In our doing things His way



PUPPIES OR KITTENS FOR CHRISTMAS--This 5-month-old male cocker puppy and many other puppies and kittens are hoping for Christmas homes. If you would like to give any of them a home, just in time for the holidays, stop by the Animal Shelter of Crawford County, or give them a call at 348-4117.

PET CARE TIPS

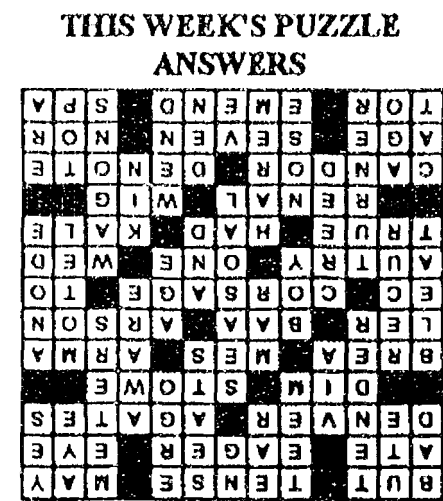
Pets like the smell and taste of antifreeze, but even a small amount can kill them. Clean up spills thoroughly and at once. Close containers tightly and store them where pets cannot get to them.

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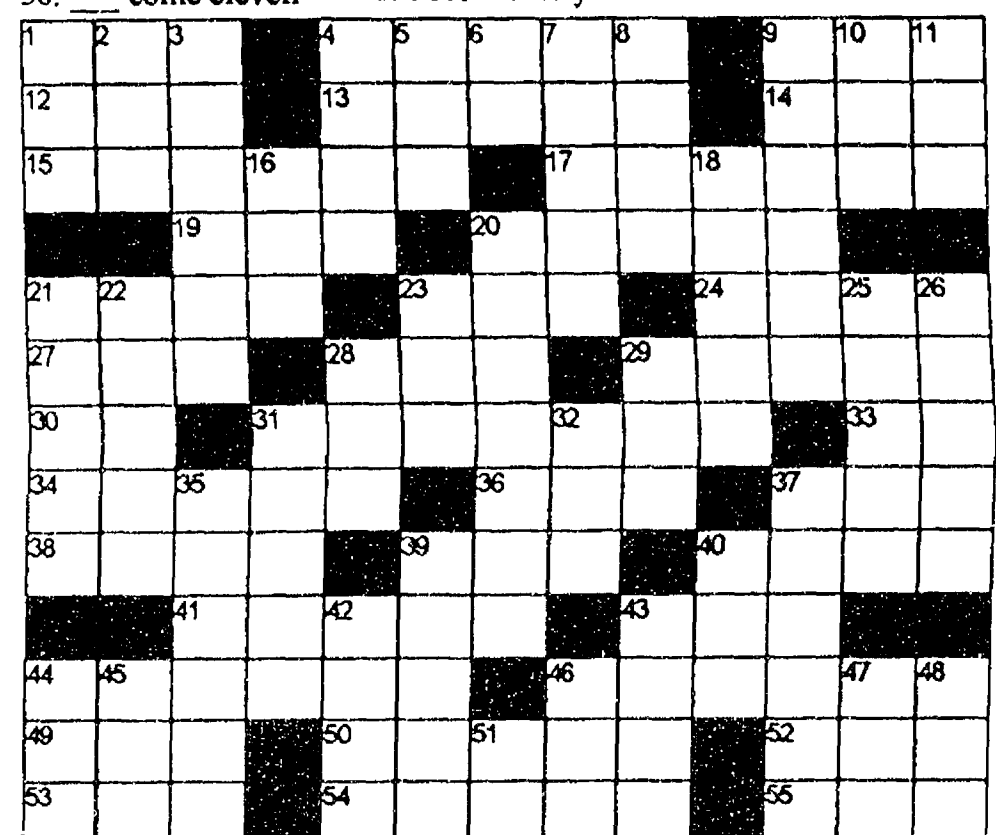
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YOUR HOROSCOPE

Forecast For: December 25 - 31, 1994

ARIES
March 21-April 19

Combine your youth and energy with an older person's wisdom and experience and you will have the perfect team. Go for it!

TAURUS
April 20-May 20

You may not be as lucky as you would like. Someone else may be placed in the driver's seat while you are relegated to the back. Your time will come.

GEMINI
May 21-June 20

A new professional relationship could make all the difference in your career. Don't be shy, give it a chance.

CANCER
June 21-July 22

Another Cancer could be the answer to your prayers. Give him a chance. You never know what might develop.

LEO
July 23-Aug 22

You will have a greater chance of success with your current project if you listen to experts. Don't jump in feet first.

VIRGO
Aug 23-Sept 22

The stress from the holidays added to your day-to-day pressures could be overwhelming. Take note and take a break.

LIBRA
Sept 23-Oct 22

Plan an adventurous outing. Ice skating, sledding, or skiing will put a smile on your holiday worries.

SCORPIO
Oct 23-Nov 21

Don't let your fantasies get in the way of reality. Neither allow the drudgery of the day to destroy your dreams.

SAGITTARIUS
Nov 22-Dec 21

Don't try to impress others by using undue pressure. Allow your natural creativity to do the talking for you.

CAPRICORN
Dec 22-Jan 19

Begin setting goals for 1995. Look for tasks that could bring benefits for years to come.

AQUARIUS
Jan 20-Feb 18

Someone may try to influence you to do something you don't want to do. Remain true to your traditional family values.

PISCES
Feb 19-March 20

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Miss Ester Barber, who is teaching school in Maple Forest, visited at her home in Frederic last weekend.

Russett apples at the Top O' Michigan Apple and Potato Show held last week in Gaylord.

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 years ago

Dec. 23, 1971

Pamela Spencer filled the third grade teaching vacancy created by Mrs. Caid's retirement.

A native of Ohio and a graduate of Bowling Green University, Mrs. Spencer is currently completing her master's program at Michigan State University. She has taught for the past four years in the Lansing School System.

Our newest addition to the elementary staff is Miss Sandra Kelly, who is replacing Mrs. Bilger in the second grade.

A native of Chicago, Sandy went to school at Central Michigan University where she majored in science while heading for a teaching career. In October, she completed her practice teaching in Ludington.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Clough, Sr., are expected home from Florida on Dec. 20, to spend the Christmas holidays here with their families.

Saturday night, seven carolers could be heard on the streets of Grayling. They were Pam Mead, Kathy McPherson, Joy Mead, Kathy Mead, Curt Hanson, Karen Hanson and Patricia Duley. They sang mainly at the homes of the elderly. They received many donations of money, candy and fruit. They decided to pool the money and buy a Christmas plant which was sent to the Intensive Care Unit at Mercy Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. John Howe are the proud parents of a son, Todd Michael, born Dec. 16, and weighing 7 pounds, 1 1/2 ounces.

Mrs. Ann Buron has completed her night course of tax equalization and assessing from Kirtland Community College.

Jim and Joyce Kolka expect her parents, the Harry Hoerls, and Mr. and Mrs. John Linendoll and family to be their Christmas day dinner guests.

Rick and Vickie Sadler and baby of Flint, are expected to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Scheer and family. Brad Scheer arrived home Friday from Central to spend the holidays and term break.

Mrs. Hattie Worden spent from Friday till Tuesday of last week in Flint, visiting her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Worden, and family.

The Silver Tops Christmas party was held Dec. 14, at AuSagra Acres with a very good attendance, 55

members and guests.

Dinner was followed by a Christmas program of music by June Feldhauser and her students; Patricia Duley, piano; Nannette Lennon, guitar; Maureen Hoffman, guitar; Barbara Hoffman, piano; Lauri Knowles, guitar; Robert Wargo, accordion; Lynn Kolka and April Thayer, vocal duet; Bridget Hoffman, piano; and Sam Mead, vocal duet with June Feldhauser.

46 years ago

Dec. 23, 1948

A new ice skating rink started by the City of Grayling is now nearing completion and the only need is some really cold weather in which to flood the site.

Miss Emily Giegling is enjoying a vacation from her studies at Michigan State College.

A project which placed drainage tile around the huge new warehouse at Camp Grayling has been completed, it was announced last week. The work also included a drainage ditch to carry excess water away from the new building, as well as a complete caulking job throughout the entire expansive structure. New tile floors were laid in the office space, it was said.

City Manager Max Davenport issued a warning to people parking their cars on the city streets all night. From now on, with the snow plows running during the night hours, he urged that when ever possible citizens get their cars off the streets.

Phsn. Charles R. Ryan left for Las Cruces, N.M. on Dec. 13, after spending three weeks with his mother, Mrs. Lillian Ryan. Charles is stationed with a naval unit at White Sands Proving Grounds in New Mexico. His grandfather, Charles L. Smith, drove back with him.

Born Dec. 15, to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Jungman at Mercy Hospital, a daughter, who will be known as Lonna Joyce.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Horner have gone to Walled Lake to spend the winter with their daughter, Mrs. Jack Dunckley.

The Lyle Dunckleys will have a family reunion for the holidays. All will be home except the Jack Dunckleys of Walled Lake.

Capt. L. H. Knibbs expects to arrive Friday from Homestead Air Base, Middletown, PA, to spend Christmas with his wife and baby daughter at the

home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Joseph.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Henry Nielson are happy over the arrival of an infant daughter, Jean Ann, born Dec. 14 at Mercy Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hatfield are proud parents of a son, Thomas Howard, born Dec. 8.

Dick Barber is enjoying the holidays with his parents Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Barber. He is on leave from the Navy and arrived on Monday from his base at New Orleans.

Mr. and Mrs. Thane Hendershot and daughter, Nancy Ann, left Friday for Grand Rapids, enroute to Florida to spend Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Jennie Hendershot.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Bud McDonnell announce the arrival of a son, Douglas Lee, born Dec. 17. Mrs. McDonnell is the former Joyce Kendall.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Nielson expected to leave today to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Hodgins in Detroit.

Miss Anna Nielson and friend, Miss Mabel Richmond of Grand Rapids, are expected to spend Christmas with her mother Mrs. Julius Nielson and sisters, Miss Margrethe and Miss Olga.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Joseph and son, Bill, plan to spend Christmas and the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vern Huntington in Eaton Rapids.

Jack Perry is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, the Vern Perrys.

Saturday night the L.N.L. had their annual Christmas party. The evening was spent in cards.

Erve Roe, who is spending the winter in Melston, MT, reports 46 degrees below zero and 4.5 feet of snow.

Roger Barber and Jerry Korhonen were fishing through the ice at School Section Lake Sunday. They say the fishing isn't too good yet.

69 years ago

Dec. 24, 1925

Mrs. Bernice McNeven, who is employed in Detroit, is here to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James McNeven.

Mr. and Mrs. Rasmus Jorgenson have as their guests over Christmas, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Warner and little son, Ralph, and Ernest Jorgenson of Detroit.

Mrs. Elna Hemmingson and

daughter, Doris of Mt. Pleasant are visiting at the home of her brother, Wilhelm Neilson, over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Campbell of Mt. Pleasant are spending the holidays at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hanson.

Mrs. Anthony Trudacu delightedly entertained the It Suits Us Club at her home Wednesday evening. Mrs. Ambrose McClain and Mrs. Efner Matson won the prizes. Mrs. Arnold Burrows was a guest.

Miss Ruth Stillwagon, who is attending college in Olivet, is home for the holidays.

Mrs. Clarence Brown was in Bay City over Sunday visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Woodruff. She was accompanied by Helen Elaine McLeod.

O. M. Turner, who is employed in Saginaw, is visiting his family.

Mose Blondin of Mackinaw City visited his sister, Mrs. Daniel Hoseli, over the weekend.

Charles Adams and family have moved into the house they recently purchased from Nick Schjotz.

Henry Ahman is home from the U. of M., Ann Arbor, to spend the holidays visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ahman.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Meistrup, daughter, Elizabeth Ann, and son, Junior, will be guests at the home of Mrs. Victor Snalling over Christmas.

Mrs. Will Green and children left Friday for Detroit to spend the holidays with Mr. Green and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hendrickson Cook.

Misses Marguerite Cowell and Florence McClay were guests of the former's grandmother, Mrs. Mary Turner last Friday, while enroute to their home at the Soo from Ypsilanti.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Fletcher and Mr. and Mrs. George Schaible enjoyed as their guests over Thanksgiving, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schmidt and son, Norman, of the Park Hotel, Mt. Clemens, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hewitt and son, Charles, of Bay City. Mrs. Hewitt and baby are remaining for a longer visit.

Lovells News:

Mrs. M. McCormick entertained the card club Saturday evening. Mrs. Papenfus and C. Stillwagon won first prize and Jack Caid and Charles Kellogg won consolation.

Jack Caid spent Sunday visiting John Kellogg.

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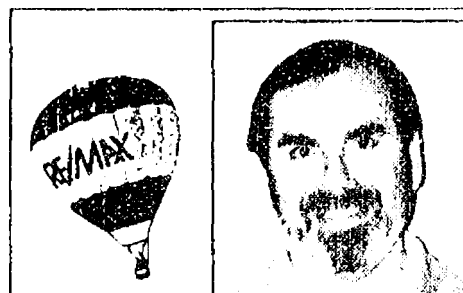


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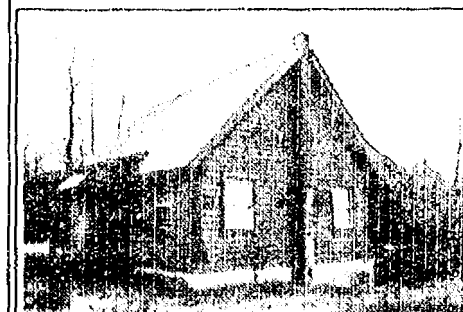
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LEGAL ACTION

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Crawford County Solid Waste Planning Committee is in receipt of an amendment to the current Solid Waste Plan. A public hearing on this amendment will be held on Wednesday, January 25, 1995, at 7:30 pm in the Grayling High School auditorium, 1135 N. Old 27, Grayling, MI 49738. Persons who wish to address the committee at the hearing should send written comments to: Chairperson - Solid Waste Planning Committee, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738.

SYNOPSIS Crawford County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Nov. 30, 1994

Meeting was called to order at 9:40 a.m. in the County Building, Grayling, MI. Commissioners present: Long, Goodale, McLachlan, Smock, Mattis. Commissioners absent: None. There were seven visitors present at various times.

IN FORMAL ACTION,

COMMISSIONERS:

- Accepted 18 pieces of correspondence.
- Deferred action on restructuring the Crawford County Emergency Management Committee until after the first of the year.
- Approved an expenditure of a \$40 registration fee for each commissioner (including newly elected officials) wishing to attend the Commissioner Training workshop planned for 12-14-94.
- Referred the proposal from McHugh Architect Engineering for the renovation of the existing structure at the fish hatchery for the Health Dept. to the Ways & Means committee for financial arrangements with said Dept.
- Reappointed McLachlan for another term on the Northern Michigan Substance Abuse Services, Inc.
- Entered into an agreement with the Dept. of Natural Resources Fire Officer for the use of

- three bays in one of the garages for the storage of their fire suppression equipment.
- Supported New Life Community Services in their endeavor to seek reimbursement for services provided by them to our citizens in September.
- Agreed to publish the minutes of the Board's meetings in the ADZ paper instead of the Avalanche effective 1-1-95 for a 6-month trial period.
- Agreed to use 50 percent of the revenues generated from Board of Prisoners in the County Jail toward the cost of removal of the contaminated soil for the jail project.
- Amended the agenda for the presentation of the Overall Economic Development Plan.
- Adopted a resolution of Concurrence with the 94-95 Northeast Michigan Overall Economic Development Program Annual Report as presented.
- Accepted the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Nov. 16, 1994, as presented.
- Delayed creation of the Special Judicial Committee.
- Agreed to release funds necessary to cover the sub-contractors and approve said invoices relative to a roof replacement contract which were being held pending the bankruptcy case.
- Agreed not to take any action in the selection to fill the vacancy of Commissioner Dist. #3.
- Allowed the Sheriff to order two new patrol vehicles to be delivered and charged to the 1995 budget.

Meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.
A full context of minutes is on file and available in the Clerk's office.
Elizabeth H. Wieland, County Clerk

Looking Your Holiday Best Has Never Been Easier

(NAPS)—When the crush of holiday activities gets under way, sometimes it's hard to find time to shop for yourself. You've bought the gifts, the cards, the decorations...but what are you going to wear for all your holiday gatherings or for entertaining at home? This season there are more options than ever...and holiday dressing has never been more fun. The line between formal and casual dressing for the holidays has blurred and there are lots of opportunities for expressing one's individuality. Now, the Spiegel Holiday '94 catalog makes holiday shopping easy as well as fun...with almost 200 fashion pages for men and women.

"What we have found is that 'glitz' is out for the holidays," says Catherine Glover, fashion director of Spiegel. "Men and women today want a more understated and comfortable look. And with today's focus on home entertaining, holiday dressing has taken on a more casual spirit but in more luxurious fabrics."

Here are some tips for dressing the part this holiday season, whether it's an office party, a big holiday bash or a simple at-home gathering:

1. Check out the new midnight blue for day or evening. In sexy silk charmeuse or soft, luxurious velvet, this newest shade is an elegant change of pace from basic black.

2. To make a basic black sheath more festive, just wrap a long silver or gold crinkle scarf around the neck. Or wear a sheer embroidered chiffon blouse over the dress, jacket-style.

3. Anything soft and luxurious looks right this season. For a casual party or home gathering, a cashmere tunic over velvet leggings is perfect. For more formal occasions, a fitted velvet wrap dress is stunning and easy-to-wear.

4. One of the toughest holiday dressing challenges is the office party. You

want to look festive and special...but still appropriate. To go from office...to office party...with ease, why not wear a pewter satin shirt over a matching tank and pair them with velvet trousers or a slim velvet shirt. A touch of shine lights up any outfit.

5. This holiday season, there are lots of options for men, too. One of the best, and easiest ways of creating a casual holiday look is with a brightly colored sweater. In solids or conversational patterns, a sweater is always right. And sweaters make great gifts, because choosing a size is relatively easy and because you can never have too many sweaters.

6. For more dressed-up occasions, men can add a pair of witty suspenders. If it's a black-tie night, try a colorful patterned bowtie and matching cummerbund, instead of traditional black.

7. For men and women, vests are a great way to update a basic trouser-and-shirt look. This season there is a great range of vest styles and patterns...everything from sophisticated woven ribbon fronts, tapestries and paisleys to witty "conversational" vests featuring playing cards, road signs and celestial designs. Vests also make terrific gifts.

8. For holiday outerwear this season, nothing beats a dramatic black velvet "ruana." This cape-like wrap, sometimes lined in silk, satin or acetate, is shaped shorter in front, longer in back with a single frog closure at the neck. Graceful and easy-to-wear, a ruana is the perfect solution to "what to wear" over your dressy holiday looks.

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LEGAL ACTION

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

File No. 94-3295-CH(D)
TERESA L. STONE and BRADFORD J. SLAGLE,
Plaintiffs,
vs.
KATHYR. EVANS, a/k/a KATHY CROCKER
Defendants.
CAREY & ASSOCIATES, P.C.

BY: William L. Carey P31602
Attorney for Plaintiffs
114 Michigan Ave., PO Drawer 665
Grayling, MI 49738 (517) 348-5232
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
In pursuance and by virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, made and entered in the above-entitled cause on the 31st day of October, 1994, notice is hereby given that the Crawford County Clerk shall sell at public sale to the highest bidder at the front door of the County Building in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, on the 6th day of January, 1995, at 10:00 in the forenoon, the following described property located within the Township

of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, and being more fully described as: Lots 10 and 11, Oak Acre Park, according to the recorded plat thereof.
Dated: November 8, 1994

CAREY & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
BY: William L. Carey P31602
Attorney for Plaintiff
PO Drawer 665
Grayling, MI 49738
(517) 348-5232
-17-24-1-8-15-22

Short Foreclosure Notice Crawford County

MORTGAGE SALE—Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by: Kim J. Halstead and Dawn L. Halstead to Community Mortgage Services, Inc., Mortgagee, dated October 5, 1992, and recorded on October 6, 1992, in Liber 348, on pages 574-578, Crawford County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said mortgagee to Marathon Mortgage Corporation, a Michigan Corporation, by an assignment dated October 5, 1992, and recorded on December 15, 1992, in Liber 352, on Page 399, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of FORTY THREE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SIXTY TWO AND 93/100 DOLLARS (\$43,962.93), including interest at 7.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the Court Building in Grayling, Michigan, at 10:00 o'clock A.M., on January 11, 1995.

Said premises are situated in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Being part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 3, Town 25 North, Range 3 West, BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP, Crawford County, Michigan described as: Commencing at the Northeast corner of said Section 3, thence West along Section line 545.0 feet to the point of beginning; thence south 01 degree 34 minutes West, 550.0 feet, thence West 355.0 feet, thence North 01 degree 34 minutes East, 550.0 feet, thence East along Section Line, 355.0 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.
Dated: November 29, 1994

Marathon Mortgage Corporation, a Michigan Corporation
Mortgagee
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ATTORNEYS
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-8-15-22-29

RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Meeting held on the 28th day of November 1994

Grayling, Michigan

Meeting called to order by Mayor Golinick at 7:30 p.m.

Members present: Golinick, Akers, Ruddy, Moshier. Members Absent: Stevens. Also in attendance: Jerry W. Morford, City Manager, Kay Ellen King, Judy Morford, Roy Knight Jr., two students.

Moved by Akers, supported by Ruddy that the minutes of the meeting of Nov. 14, 1994, be approved as presented. Ayes, 4; nays, 0; absent, 1; motion carried.

Citizens who wish to speak. None.

Communications were received and noted.

October 1994 Finance Report.

Council Meeting Calendar for 1995.

City Holiday Schedule for 1995.

Vannum, Riddering, Schmidt & Howlett Correction regarding Cable TV.

Chamber Transportation Meeting on Nov. 21, 1994, and Proposed 1-73 & 74 Corridor Association.

Crawford County Economic Development Minutes of Nov. 4, 1994.

Grayling Housing Commission Minutes of Oct. 13, 1994 and Nov. 10, 1994.

Greater Grayling Snowmobile Association request for membership. Council asked the City Manager to contact Ed Holcamp for a meeting regarding the snowmobile trails with Pete Stephan present to discuss routing through Grayling, grooming, etc. and then bring results before Council.

City Council Appointments.

Moved by Golinick, supported by Akers to appoint Keith Kenney to the City of Grayling Property Tax Board of Review for an indefinite term to replace Leo Hirvela who has asked to be replaced. Ayes, 4; nays, 0; absent, 1; motion carried.

Approval of final pay estimate for Water Tower Work.

Moved by Golinick, supported by Akers to pay final invoice in the amount of \$21,000 to Aero Painting Inc. as final payment on the Water Tower Painting Project. Ayes, 4; nays, 0; absent, 1; motion carried.

Approval for Change Order #1 and Final

Payment for Bridge Project.
Moved by Akers, supported by Ruddy to approval Change Order #1 in the amount of \$1,179 and final payment in the amount of \$14,145.50 to Anlaan Corp for work completed on the 1994 Bridge Widening Project. Ayes, 4; nays, 0; absent, 1; motion carried.
New Business.
Ten Year Service Award to Karl DeVries.
Moved by Golinick, supported by Akers that,

WHEREAS, on Nov. 26, 1994, Karl DeVries did complete ten (10) years of consecutive service as a City Police Officer of the City of Grayling, and

WHEREAS, during this ten years he has provided excellent service to the citizens of the City of Grayling, and

WHEREAS, he has distinguished himself by assisting the citizens of the City and surrounding area in many emergency situations, and

WHEREAS, he has continually completed training to upgrade his skills and has participated in auxiliary training and other community service activities in addition to his regular police duties.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Grayling, express their appreciation to Karl DeVries for ten years of dedicated service to the citizens of Grayling.

Ayes, 4; nays, 0; absent, 1; motion carried.

Reports of City Manager.

Amendment to Crawford County Solid Waste Plan. Public Hearing Jan. 11, 1995.

Transportation Committee Meeting.

Reports of Council Members.

Mr. Moshier commented on all the Christmas lights around town and how nice it looks.

Adjournment.

Moved by Golinick, supported by Akers that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes, 4; nays, 0; absent, 1; motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Jerry W. Morford

City Manager & City Clerk

REGISTRATION NOTICE

SPECIAL ELECTION

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 1995

To The Qualified Electors:

OF THE SEVERAL TOWNSHIPS AND CITY OF GRAYLING
IN THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD, STATE OF MICHIGAN

AT THE SPECIAL ELECTION THE FOLLOWING PROPOSALS WILL BE OFFERED:

AIRPORT MILLAGE PROPOSAL

SHALL THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD, FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE (5) YEARS, BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 1995, BE AUTHORIZED TO LEVY AND COLLECT ONE-HALF (1/2) OF ONE MILL ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY, REAL AND PERSONAL, LOCATED WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL LIMITS OF CRAWFORD COUNTY AS OF DECEMBER 31ST OF THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING YEAR, WITH AN ESTIMATED REVENUE INCREASE PER YEAR OF \$147,000 FOR THE PURPOSES OF OPERATING AN AIRPORT AND DEVELOPING AN AIR INDUSTRIAL PARK ON APPROXIMATELY EIGHTY ACRES OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE GRAYLING ARMY AIR FIELD, SPENDING NOT LESS THAN TWO-THIRDS (2/3) OF THE TAX COLLECTED FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS WITH THE REMAINDER TO BE SPENT IN SUPPORT OF AIRPORT OPERATIONS?

DIAL-A-RIDE MILLAGE PROPOSAL

SHALL THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD INCREASE THE TAX MILLAGE UPON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY, REAL AND PERSONAL, LOCATED WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL LIMITS OF CRAWFORD COUNTY AS OF DECEMBER 31ST OF THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING YEAR, FROM THREE QUARTERS (3/4) OF A MILL TO ONE AND ONE-QUARTER (1 1/4) MILLS WITH AN ESTIMATED REVENUE INCREASE PER YEAR OF \$147,000, FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE (5) YEARS IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE CURRENT LEVEL OF SERVICES OF SEVEN (7) DAYS PER WEEK PROVIDED BY THE CRAWFORD COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY WITHOUT AN INCREASE IN THE USER FARE RATE AND WHICH INCREASE SHALL REPLACE THE CURRENT THREE-QUARTERS (3/4) OF ONE (1) MILL?

COUNTY TREASURER'S CERTIFICATION

I, Joseph V. Wakeley, Treasurer of Crawford County, Michigan, hereby certify that as of December 7, 1994, the records of this office indicate that the total of all voted increases over and above the tax limitation established by the Constitution of Michigan, in any local units of government affecting the taxable property located in Crawford County, Michigan is as follows:

By Crawford County: .50 Mill - Commission on Aging - No Limit
.75 Mill - Public Transportation - No Limit
.25 Mill - Recreation - thru 1995

By Beaver Creek Twp.: None

By Frederic Twp.: 2.00 Mills - Fire - 1992 thru 1996
2.00 Mills - Garbage Collection - 1992 thru 1996

By Grayling Twp.: None

By Lovells Twp.: 1.00 Mill - Landfill - No Limit

By Maple Forest Twp.: 1.25 Mills - Emergency Service - 1992 thru 1995

By South Branch Twp.: 1.00 Mill for Operation - No Limit

By Crawford AuSable Schools: 18.00 Mills - Operation - 1992 thru 1996

By Gerrish Higgins Schools: 18.00 Mills - 1994 thru 2003

By Gaylord Community Schools: 18.00 Mills - 1994 thru 2003

Date: December 7, 1994

Joseph V. Wakeley, County Treas.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I WILL BE AT MY OFFICE:
DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS

December 27, 1994 - Last Day

FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING APPLICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION
OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS IN SAID TOWNSHIP OR CITY.

LOCATION OF REGISTERED TO VOTE:

Electors who wish to register with the County or Township Clerk are advised to call ahead for office hours.

Sharon K. Hartman, Beaver Creek Township Clerk - 275-8878
Nancy Bindschatel, Frederic Township Clerk - 348-8778
Monica S. Ashton, Grayling Township Clerk - 348-4361
Cheryl Hopp, Lovells Township Clerk - 348-9215
Susan Keene, Maple Forest Township Clerk - 348-9801
Mary Mollon, South Branch Township Clerk - 275-8232
Jerry Morford, Grayling City Clerk - 348-2131

SYNOPSIS

Beaver Creek Township Regular Meeting Dec. 6, 1994

Meeting called to order at 11 a.m. with board members present: Schultes, McGregor, McDonough, Hartman. Absent Mobarak. Four guests present.

Purpose: (1)-accept sealed bids for refuse removal and recycle goods at Merrio Road transfer site, (2)-transfer money to the Fire District.

McGregor moves that we accept City Environmental Services bid of \$985 per month for refuse disposal for one year. Seconded by Hartman. Carried.

McDonough moves that we authorize the Treasurer to transfer \$5,000 from General fund to the Fire District Fund to be applied to Due to Other Funds. This advancement of funds to be repaid from December 1994 tax collection. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.
Sharon K. Hartman, Clerk

SYNOPSIS

Beaver Creek Township Regular Meeting Dec. 12, 1994

Meeting called to order at 7 p.m. with board members present: Schultes, McGregor, McDonough, Mobarak, Hartman. Four guests were present.

Minutes to regular meeting of 11-11-94 and special meeting 12-6-94 were accepted as presented.

Treasurer's report was read and received as read.

Supervisor reported on progress with Crawford County Master Plan.

Fourteen pieces of correspondence were accepted.

Guest Speaker: BHT with concerns regarding the proposed landfill amendment.

OLD BUSINESS:

Park and transfer site grading/gravel has been done and a thank you letter should be sent Saginaw Asphalt.

Supervisor should draft letter regarding landfill amendment stating board's opinion.

County-wide election is 1/24/95 NOT 1/10/95 as in newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS:

Board of Review Appointments for 1995: Cal Hawley, Jessie Hagenmeister, Mary Harland.

Property split Mobarak moves to approve the proposed split of the LaForge property being parcel #6. Supported by McGregor. Carried.

Motion by McGregor, seconded by Schultes, that any board member wanting to attend the January MTA convention may do so.

Comments: Security lighting at park is out; Mobarak reports over 700 books have been given away and she will be at the Community Center 12/29/94 from 3 to 7 p.m. for further book give aways.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.
Sharon K. Hartman, Clerk

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NOTICE

Mr. Jack R. McCurry from the Michigan Sheriff's Association will be in the area soliciting memberships to the Michigan Sheriff's Association and has my OK as this is a legitimate concern.

David G. Lovely
Sheriff

** NOTICE **

CITY ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
WILL be running its normally
scheduled trash pickup routes
on Monday following
Christmas and New Year's

NOTICE

A public hearing will be held by the Crawford County Board of Commissioners on Wednesday, December 28, 1994, at 10:30 am for the purpose of accepting oral and written comments regarding the adoption of a General Fund budget, Special Revenue Fund budgets and Debt Service Fund budgets. A summary of the 1995 proposed Crawford County Budgets listed above will be available for public inspection during regular business hours at the office of the Crawford County Clerk on or after December 19, 1994. The public hearing will be conducted in the County Building, 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, Michigan in conjunction with their regular meeting.

Elizabeth H. Wieland,
County Clerk
15-22

TIMBER FOR SALE, HURON-MANISTEE NATIONAL FORESTS.

PRAIRIE SCHOONER TIMBER SALE is located within sections 33 and 34 T25N, R1E, Michigan Meridian, Oscoda County, Michigan. Sealed bids will be received at the Mio District Ranger's Office, Mio, Michigan up to 3 pm local time on January 17, 1995, for an estimated 1975.5 Mbf. The advertised sale value is \$62,426.57.

The required bid guarantee is \$6,300.00 and must accompany the sealed bid. The right to reject any and all bids is reserved. A prospectus and other information concerning this sale may be obtained from the District Ranger at Mio, Michigan or the Forest Supervisor's Office at 1755 S. Mitchell Street, Cadillac, Michigan.

The Forest Service is a multicultural organization and committed to the goal of ensuring equal opportunity for all employment and program delivery.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Northeast Michigan Consortium is requesting proposals for programs targeting economically disadvantaged adults and long-term unemployed/dislocated workers. Job specific or vocational skills is a required component of proposal.

Eligible proposers are educational agencies, community based organizations, and non-profit entities with demonstrated effectiveness with the named target groups in the counties of Alcona, Alpena, Cheboygan, Crawford, Montmorency, Oscoda, Otsego and Presque Isle.

Available funds are approximately \$40,000. Proposals due January 13, 1995.

Request proposal packets from Edle Skroch at 517-733-8548, Northeast Michigan Consortium, P.O. Box 711, Onaway, Michigan 49765.

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SANTA'S HELPERS—Members from the Grayling Promotional Association (GPA) sponsored a 'Breakfast with Santa' for area children. (Left to right) Julie Sajdak, chairperson, Rae Ann Schanz, and Carole Batway were some of the G.P.A. helpers assisting with the hot breakfast served. Highlights for the many children attending were breakfast, gift buying and wrapping, and visiting with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Over 400 children attend 'Breakfast with Santa'

More than 400 children enjoyed the Grayling Promotional Association's (GPA) "Breakfast with Santa" on Saturday, Dec. 10, at St. Mary's Family Center. Children and adults enjoyed a wonderful breakfast with good food, supplied in part by Hardee's, Burger King, McDonald's, Holiday Inn and the Grayling Big Boy. St. Mary's church graciously offered the hall and kitchen for the occasion and its members were overwhelmed with little Christmas shoppers who purchased presents for mom and dad and others at the children's Christmas corner. GPA members helped wrap so each gift was ready to put under the tree.

Santa and Mrs. Claus listened carefully to each child's request and many pictures were taken to preserve

a special holiday moment that will always be remembered.

GPA members, with the help of Don Schans at the stove, kept busy in the kitchen, while Junior Miss girls served and cleaned up in the dining room. Ron Thomson helped with the use of his truck to make sure Mr. and Mrs. Claus had a place to sit and Grayling State Bank brought over their ropes and poles for help in maintaining order.

It was a memorable morning beginning at 8 a.m. and lasting until the last child had climbed down from Santa's lap around noon.

All proceeds from the event will go to GPA's fund for its annual beautification project.

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OBITUARIES

Stella Grabosky

Stella V. (Pawlanta) Grabosky, 84, of Grayling, died Monday, Dec. 12, 1994, at Tendercare in Gaylord. A wake service was held Thursday, Dec. 15, at 7:30 at Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel. Funeral services were held Friday, Dec. 16, at 1 p.m. at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Shields, with Reverend Robert Byrne officiating. Burial was in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Saginaw.

Pallbearers were Brett and Kearsten Pawlanta, Dan Tomaszewski, and Andrew, Matthew and Kelly Booms.

Mrs. Grabosky was born May 4, 1910, in Gaylord, to John and Mary (Dreffs) Duhoski. She had been a resident of Grayling for two years, previously living in Saginaw. She worked with a vending machine service, and was a member of St. Casimir's Catholic Church in Saginaw.

Survivors include: sons, Eugene and wife, Lona, Pawlanta of Gaylord, and Ronald and wife, Carol, Pawlanta of Saginaw; daughter, Mary Ann and husband, David Booms, of Port Hope; sisters, Martha and husband, Harry Galbert, of Traverse City, Sophie Koronka and Helen Jozwiak, both of Gaylord; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Alzheimer's Treatment and Research Foundation.

Edna Gallagher

Edna R. Gallagher, 87, of Berkley, died Sunday, Dec. 18, 1994, at her home. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, Dec. 21, at 10:30 a.m. at Our Lady of LaSalette Church in Berkley, with Rev. William Overman officiating. Burial will be in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Mrs. Gallagher was born Dec. 9, 1907, in Wilkesburg, PA. She had been a resident of Berkley for 10 years, previously living in Detroit and Bradenton, FL. On Jan. 3, 1929, in Wilkesburg, she married Charles J. Gallagher, and he preceded her in death.

Mrs. Gallagher was a homemaker, and was a Eucharistic Minister at Oxford Park Towers senior citizens apartments in Berkley. She had taken care of the sick and elderly all her life, and had sewn cancer pads for the Michigan Cancer Foundation and hospice programs. She was a member of the Ladies Guild at Our Lady of LaSalette Church.

Survivors include: children, Charles "Bud" and wife, Barbara, Gallagher of Grand Rapids, Catherine and husband, Tom McBride, and Robert and wife, Pat, Gallagher, both of Grayling; 15 grandchildren; and 30 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Hospice of Southeastern Michigan, or Our Lady of LaSalette Church.

Charles Williams

Charles F. "Gus" Williams, 72, of Grayling, died Sunday, Dec. 18, 1994, at his residence. Funeral services were held Tuesday, Dec. 20, at 11 a.m., at Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, with Reverend Michael Conner officiating. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery, Grayling.

Pallbearers were Arthur (Boy) Clough, Aubrey Welch, Lyle Lee, Steve Stinson, Charlie Stinson, and Steve Miller.

Mr. Williams was born Oct. 15, 1922, in Saginaw. He moved to Grayling 35 years ago from Lincoln Park. He was a mason and was employed as a contractor before retirement. On Feb. 27, 1943, he married Donna L. LaMotte, in Ecorse.

As a young man, Mr. Williams entered the Civilian Conservation Corps and worked with the CCC from 1938 to 1940. He entered the U. S. Army during WWII and served with the Engineers Battalion. Following his active service, he served in the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve.

Mr. Williams was a member of the Brick Layers Union, American Legion Post 106, and VFW Chapter 5832.

Mr. Williams was preceded in death by his parents, Charles F. and Catherine (Banister) Williams.

Survivors include: wife, Donna L. "Sammie" Williams; daughters, Sharon and husband, Lew Stinson, of Gwin, and Pat and husband, Gary Swanson, of Seminole, FL; brothers, James Williams of Bath, and Joe Worth of Fremont, CA; sister, Grace and husband, Alex Letz, of Saginaw; four grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews and loving friends.

The family suggests memorials to the Traverse Bay Regional Dialysis Center, 3147 Logan Valley Road, Traverse City, MI 49684.

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Thomas Taylor

Thomas C. Taylor, 89, of Grayling and Sebring, FL, died Saturday, Dec. 17, 1994, at his winter residence in Sebring. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, Dec. 21, at 11 a.m. at Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, with Reverend William Fraser officiating. Following the funeral services, his body will be transported to Muir Brothers Chapel in Lapeer for a funeral service there on Thursday, Dec. 22, with reverend Huang Chou officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Hope Cemetery in Lapeer.

Mr. Taylor was born May 11, 1905, in Lawrence, KS, and had been a resident of Grayling for 11 years. He and Mrs. Taylor had been married for about 35 years.

Mr. Taylor practiced law in Lapeer County for over 50 years, and was past-president of the Lapeer Rotary Club, of which he was a Paul Harris Fellow, and also had over 50 years of attendance.

Mr. Taylor was preceded in death by his parents, James and Mabel (Willett) Taylor.

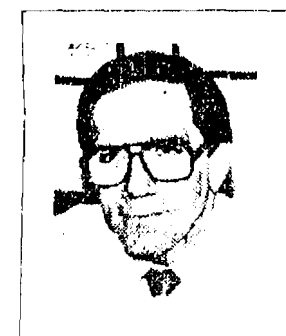
Survivors include: wife, Mileta E. (Scott) Taylor; daughters, Jean McEachern and Louise Bennett, both of Lapeer, Mary Owen of Columbianville, Lotus Young of Ludington, Kathleen Parkinson of Grayling, and Jennifer Brockman of North Branch; 17 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

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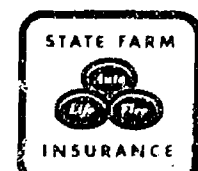
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Attention GHS Class of 1980

Plans are underway for the Grayling High School Class of 1980, 15-year reunion.

If you graduated in the Grayling High class of 1980, or know the address of someone who did, contact P.O. Box 603, Grayling, MI 49738, or leave a message at (517) 348-6544, to help update the address file.

Card of thanks

I would like to thank Dr. Gosling, all the staff at the emergency room and 2-South at Mercy Hospital. A special thanks to Dr. Ramaswamy, Rev. Carpenter, Derek McEvers, for all their loving care to our mother at her illness and time of loss. I would like to thank my dearest friends, who were very supportive and so helpful at our time of need: Myrna, Jeanne, Joni, Sally, Billy Jo, Connie and families.

A very special thanks to hospice and nurse Dan. We really can't express how much you helped and were appreciated.

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How to make good espresso

What's hot this holiday season? At-home entertaining is making a comeback. More and more party givers are moving the location of their events from a restaurant to their own homes. In fact, decorating for the holidays becomes an event in itself.

Elegant holiday entertaining can be easy with the help of an easy-to-use Espresso/Cappuccino maker. Cap off a delicious dinner with pretty demitasse cups of steaming hot espresso or Irish Cappuccino. Or, put together a appetizer and dessert buffet featuring Espresso Mousse. Why not try these recipes from the home economists at Oster?

ESPRESSO MOUSSE

1/4 cup cold water
2 envelopes gelatin
1/2 cup hot, brewed espresso
1/2 cup boiling water
1 cup semi-sweet chocolate morsels
1 tablespoon sugar
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 cup heavy cream
2 egg yolks
1 1/2 cups ice cubes

Assemble Osterizer blender. Put cold water and gelatin in blender container. Let stand for 2 minutes. Add hot espresso and boiling water.

Cover and vent feeder cap; process at a low speed until gelatin is dissolved. Increase speed to High, remove feeder cap and add chocolate morsels, sugar and vanilla extract. Continue processing until mixture is smooth. Add cream, egg yolks and ice cubes. Replace feeder cap and continue to process until mixture begins to thicken.

Pour into serving dishes at once and refrigerate 5-10 minutes before serving. Garnish with sweetened whipped cream and chocolate shavings.

Yield: 6-8 servings.

IRISH CAPPUCCINO

1/2 cup brewed espresso
1 cup cold skim milk
1/4 cup powdered sugar
3 ounces Irish Cream Liqueur
Sweetened whipped cream

Assemble Oster Espresso/Cappuccino maker. Brew 2 servings (1/2 cup) espresso and froth milk until doubled in volume. Divide the brewed espresso and frothed milk into 2 9-ounce hot drink glasses. To each glass add 2 tablespoons powdered sugar and 1 1/2 ounces Irish Cream Liqueur. Stir to combine. Top with sweetened whipped cream.

Yield: 2 servings.

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Here's wishing you all the very best holiday season ever.

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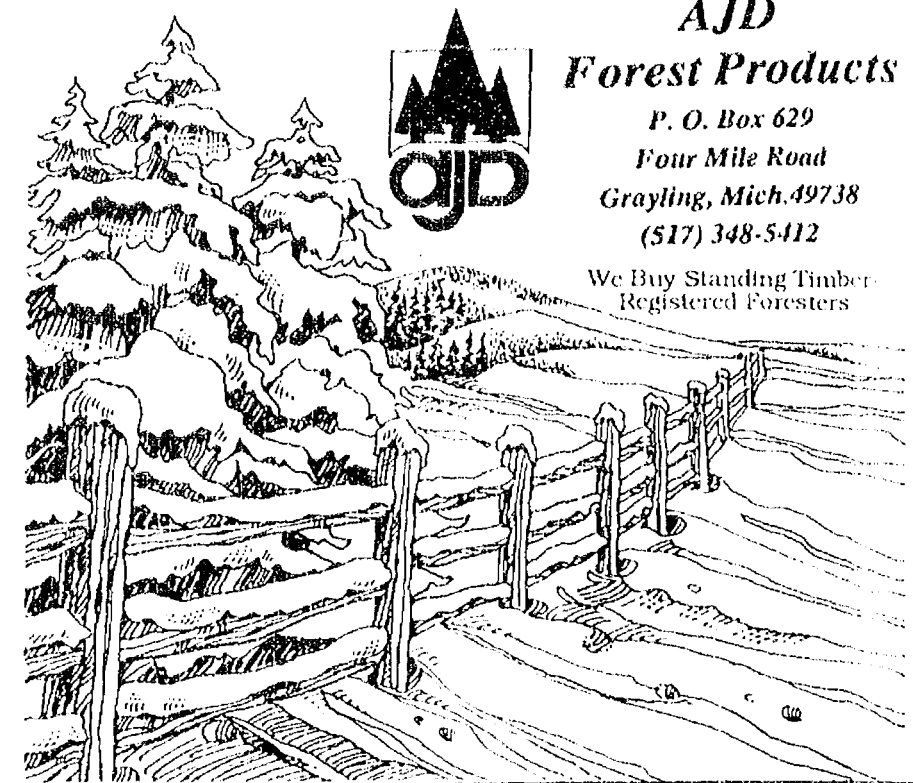
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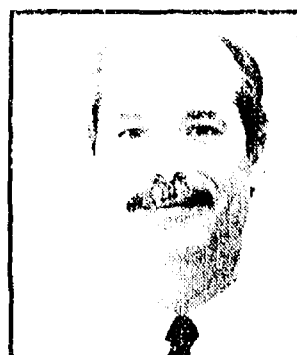
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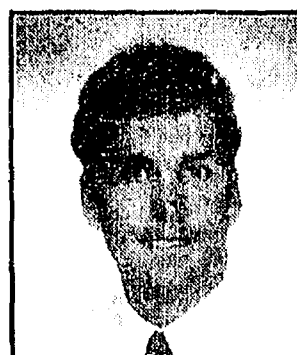
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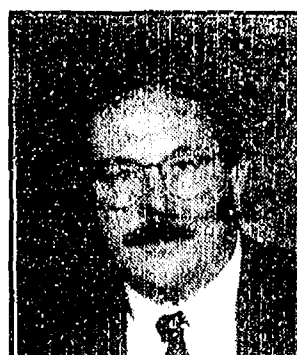
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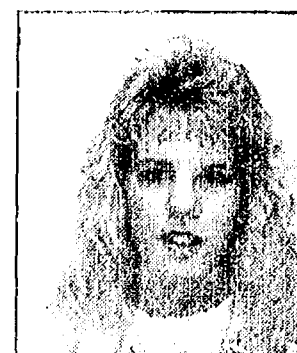
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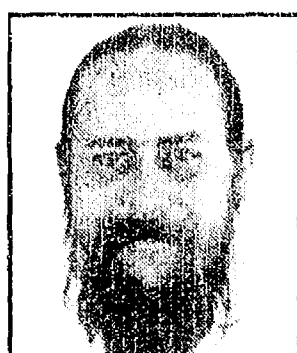
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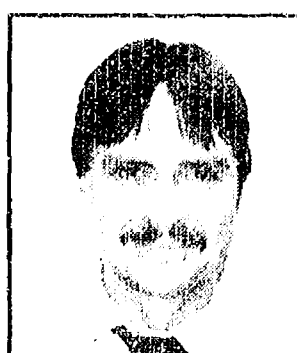
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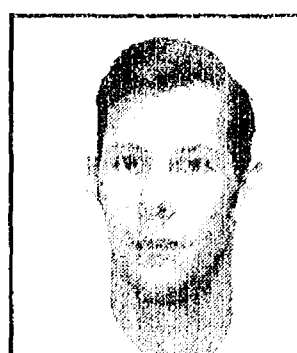
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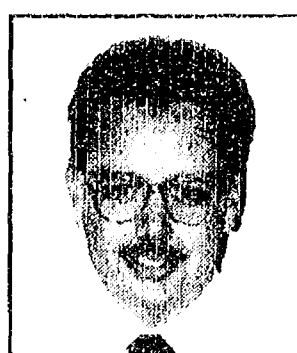
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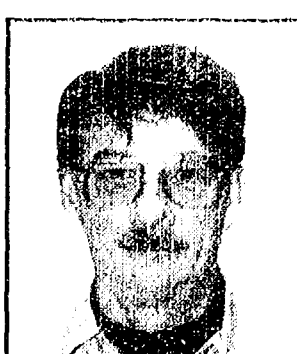
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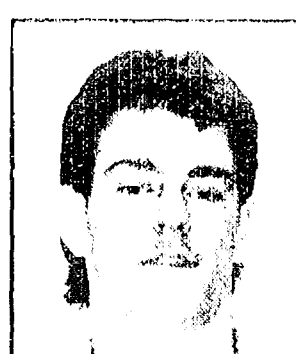
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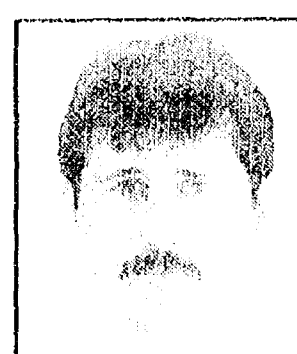
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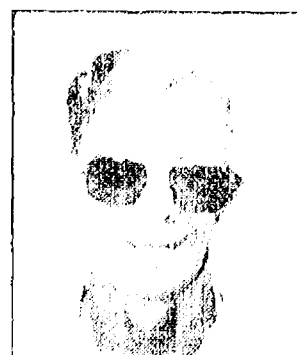
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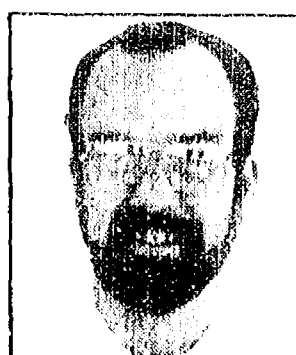
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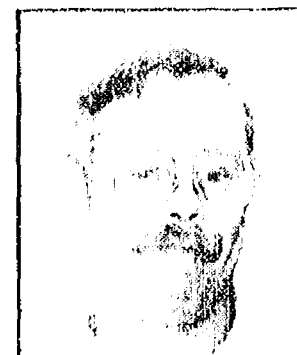
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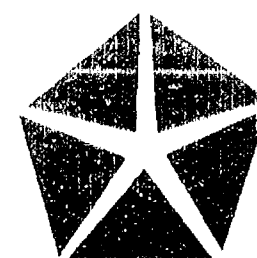
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